Serbian anger greets death of Yugoslavia

CROATIA and Slovenia won their battle for recognition as independent states yesterday, signal-ling the end of the Yugoslavia created in 1918.

Leaders of the two breakaway republics rejoiced as the European Community and a dozen other countries decided to recognise them, but the Serb-dominated federal government in Belgrade denounced the move as contrary to

Yugoslavia's sovereign rights.
"This means that the disappearance of Yugoslavia has been acknowledged officially, that Yugoslavia does not exist any more," Franjo Greguric, the Croatian prime minister,

The question of recognition had caused divisions within the EC, and yesterday's announcement was seen as a diplomatic triumph for Germany. The Bonn government

MPs invite Maxwells Ian and Kevin Maxwell got

a second chance last night to give their version of how millions of pounds were siphoned off from the Mirror Group pension fund. After refusing to answer questions put by the Com-mons social security com-mittee on Monday, they will be summoned to a second hearing.

After a three-hour meeting yesterday, the commit-tee decided to agree to a suggestion by Maxwell lawyers to send the brothadvance... Records missing, page 21

Guildford call

Three police officers involved in the Guildford Four case should face trial, despite a magistrate's decision to drop charges against them of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice, the High Court was

Jail 'terror'

The riot at Strangeways prison, Manchester, in April 1990 brought violence and terror to inmates in a segregated wing, a jury at Manchester Crown Court heard Page 3

Wasted lives

At least 5,000 patients a year in Britain die unnecessarily from cancer and are part of a lottery in which all sufferers stand only a random chance of getting the best care, a leading special-

Bush slides

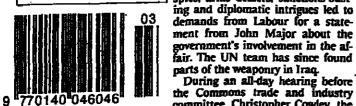
President Bush faced further bad news as he campaigned for next month's first presidential primary. The latest opinion poll showed only 35 per cent of those surveyed wanted him to be re-elected Page 9

Dollar gains

The dollar soared on the foreign exchange markets amid hopes of a recovery in America. Sterling slumped almost 512 cents to _____ Page 21

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said last month that it would recognise both republics, but delayed implementation while its Community partners sought guarantees on human rights. The case for Slovenian independence appeared clear cut, but Britain and France, in particular, had reservations about the rights of the

Serbian minority in Croatia. France was still insisting yesterday that full diplomatic relations could be established only when undertakings given by Croatia had been written into the republic's constitution; and Britain said it expected swift action to be taken to remedy deficiencies in the Croatian law relating to minorities. Germany, meanwhile, hastened to upgrade its consulates in Zagreb and Ljubliana to embassies

Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, cited the EC's united decision as evidence that his country's policy on Yugoslavia, had been proved right. Germany had argued for recognition, for UN involvement to stop the civil war and for a UN peacekeeping force, but Cyrus Vance, the UN mediator, had feared that recognition would aggravate the situation. "We said that it would certainly defuse it. We were right." Herr Genscher said. He would now press for the republics to be granted associate status by the EC and membership of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

In Croatia, Germany's



Genscher: EC decision proves Germany right

leading role in securing indepop song called "Thanks Germany", and in Split, a snack bar was renamed the Cafe Genscher. In Bonn, a crowdwaving banners and flags to There and in Croatia, officials were at pains to reassure the international community that nazi ties between the two states would not be revived. Zvonimir Separovic, the Croatian foreign minister, said: "Some still believe that we are nnected with Germany and that Germany is creating a fourth reich from the Baltics to the south. This is crazy."

But on the streets of Zagreb, the celebrations were muted by uncertainty. Some people feared that recognition would further convince Serbia and the federal army that the international community was biased against them, hindering UN and EC neace efforts.

Belgrade radio began its morning's broadcast by declaring: "This is a black day for Yugoslavia." And Vladislav Jovanovic, the Serbian foreign minister, denounced Germany, saying: "It is deplorable that a country which was itself divided for 50 years should try to destroy out country by promoting in-equality and unilateral

For all Herr Genscher's optimism, the EC decision still leaves many problems unsolved. The Community has recognised the Croatian borders in operation before the civil war - but a third of the republic's territory is still occupied by the federal army and much of the country's initastructure lies in tatiers

There could also be problems in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia, which the Community has not yet rec-ognised. Racial tension in Bosnia is rising and some diplomats fear it may prove to be the next Balkan flashpoint.

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GPs show success of health reforms

THE government will receive unexpected support for its NHS reforms with the publication next month of a study showing that the introduction of GP budget holding has been a surprising success.
Giving GPs their own bud-

gets with which to buy hospiwild card in the NHS reforms because it could undermine health authorities' plans. But the study, to be published by the independent Kings Fund Institute, shows that budget holding has not led, as feared, to the development of a two-tier service, a bias in favour of healthier patients or difficulties with planning. The scheme is popular with GPs

and could bring significant improvements for patients. The findings are likely to be seized on by ministers as further evidence that the NHS reforms are working. Earlier this week, the government

By Sheila Gunn Political correspondent

MOSSAD, the Israeli intelligence

agency, murdered the designer of the Iraqi supergun with Britain's know-

ledge and US approval. MPs were

spies, arms dealers, sanctions-bust-ing and diplomatic intrigues led to

ment from John Major about the

government's involvement in the affair. The UN team has since found

parts of the weaponry in Iraq.

During an all-day hearing before

the Commons trade and industry

committee, Christopher Cowley, the

project's manager at Space Research

New twists in the bizarre tale of

told yesterday.

published its rose-tinted vision of the first six months of the reforms, claiming that the number of patients treated had risen and waiting lists over one and two years had

The study, which looked at the effects of budget holding in three regions, found that the primary motive of the GPs involved was to improve relations with their local hospital because their options for taking their business else where in the health market were limited. They were anxious to avoid alienating non-budget holding GPs and did not try to negotiate deals allowing their patients to queue jump local waiting lists.

Their main motive was to obtain greater freedom and to gain more control over hospital services, so that they Continued on page 20, col 1

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about the murder of Gerald Bull, the

firm's founder. Dr Cowiey also insist-

ed that British military intelligence

sources knew all along of Iraq's con-

tracts for supergun parts with the

two British firms Walter Somers and

Dr Bull, a long-range gun expert, was found dead on March 22, 1990.

in his Brussels flat. He had been shot

five times in the back of his head but

his wallet containing \$20,000 was

untouched. Dr Cowley told MPs he

believed Mossad assassinated Dr

Bull because the Israelis became con-

cerned at the number of Western

firms selling arms to the Saddam

Hussein regime in breach of the UN

sanctions during the Iran-Iraq war.

Sheffield Forgemasters.

On song: Croatian soliders welcome recognition with an impromptu folk concert in Sunja yesterday

Labour slows up on tax changes

By ROBIN OAKLEY

SERIOUS doubts arose with in the Labour party yesterday about how fast it could act on its pledges to scrap the ceiling on national insurance contributions and increase the higher rate of income tax to 50 per cent.

Margaret Beckett, the shadow chief secretary, is insisting that Labour will need the revenue from the national insurance changes immediately to carry out its promises to increase pensions and child benefit. Suggestions that the changes could be phased surprised Labour

front benchers yesterday. But, in the face of the Tory assault on its tax policies, other senior Labour sources have begun to emphasise commitments in the party's policy documents to move gradually and to cushion the impact of the party's pledges to scrap the national insurance ceiling and raise the top tax rate to 50 per cent.

The Labour leadership is talking of phasing in the insurance change which will increase the tax of three million who earn more than

£20,000. Labour has long been committed to raise the top income tax rate from 40 to 50 per cent. But the starting point has not been determined. Neil Kinnock says that the higher rate will apply to those "earning well over £30,000". Labour is also committed to remove the ceiling on national insurance contributions by employees, at present £405 a week or £20,280 a year. Abolition of the insurance Continued on page 2, col 6

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Lloyd's proposes a safety net for names

A LLOYD'S of London task the struggling £10 billion insurance market that would limit losses faced by investors. Route Forward" suggests companies be allowed to invest in the insurance market. a further compromise of the tradition that Lloyd's members face unlimited liability is only used as a last resort to and are responsible for meetguarantee payment of insuring claims out of their personance claims.

al wealth. Proposals from the task force follow the defection of members, known in the market as names, in the face of huge losses from litigation and natural disasters. Some 6.350 names have left in the past two years leaving the present number at 22,500. Membership of the once

lucrative market hinges on unlimited liability of members who have to put all their

wealth on the line to cover any claims. This principle rethe names to remove it, but the reforms proposed include duced next year. Extra losses would be covered from a centrai fund to be set up from a levy on all the names. A central fund already exists but it

Last year, the market announced a loss of £510 million for its latest complete accounts in 1988. Results are reported three years late to allow for claims to be settled. Names at present have £10.2 billion invested in the market Lloyd's said that the re-

forms could take four or five years to decide on the many proposals put forward by the reform committee. Most proposals have, however, already

Gulf war ministers 'interfered too much'

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

MINISTERS and civil servants are accused of too much interference during the Gulf war, in a report by a senior member of the armed forces. Concern over costs forced ministers to reject "justifiable" military requests much too far into the campaign.

The confidential report, leaked yesterday, was one of many sent in after an invitation by Tom King, the defence secretary, for officers to give their views on Operation Granby, Britain's campaign in the Gulf. The reports were examined and an assessment of the lessons learned was drawn up by Air Chief Mar-shal Sir David Parry-Evans. The author of the leaked report complained that the Defence Operations Executive, responsible for central control of operations at the Ministry of Defence, was weak. Meetings were described as "rambling" and

"inconclusive". Yesterday Mr King admitted there had been "disagreements over particular details within the decision-making process. But that was not allowed to interfere with the overall team effort and the

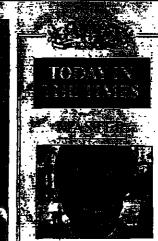
Britain 'knew of Mossad supergun killing' on Dr Cowley's statement. After the hearing Gordon Brown, the shadow trade secretary, said: "The government's record of half-truths, evasions and incompetence is now being exposed. It is now time for the prime minister to come clean." The Israeli embassy spokesman said last night: Whatever the allegations, I do not

see any reason why I should say anything on this issue."

Dr Cowley said in written evidence he was arrested after the seizure by customs officials of supergun parts at Teesport to shut him up. "It was No 10 (Downing Street) who decided I should be jailed, although customs had indicated I was free to leave."

began at the Lloyd's coffee house in London's Tower chants negotiated rates to in-sure each others cargoes against non-delivery. Professional underwriters did not begin operating until 1769. The market made its reputation by paying out on the the San Francisco earthquake.

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Anyone wishing to undertake a guided four of recent world literature could hardly do better than take up this book Nicholas Mosley reviews John Updike's Odd Jobs Page 12

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For her debut as a director, actress Jodie Foster has chosen a film about a boy genius. Little Man Tate, in which she also plays his mother. Film reviews by Geoff Brown Page 13

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but it is the most expensive item of its kind in the World and fetched £55,000 at a Christie's sale. Clue: it's 90 years old and made of hickory Page 32

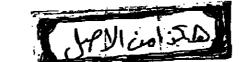
Meet a new breed of businessman. (They're called miners.)

You may not think our workforce has much in common with Sir John Harvey-Jones, but as far as we're concerned, they've got as much to offer. Their attitude has helped to more than double productivity in just five years. It also put us into profit last year.

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He said: "By murdering Dr Bull they (Mossad) sent a very clear signal to

Western companies that enough is

enough." Under questioning he add-

ed: "I cannot believe for one minute

that Mossad would act against such a

distinguished American citizen with-

out essentially having approval by

Asked by John Gilbert, Labour MP.

if he believed the British government

connived in the murder, he replied

yes. "Over the years I worked with

SRC it became apparent that MI6 is

However he later admitted that he

could not substantiate his allega-

tions. The committee, chaired by

Kenneth Warren, will attempt to

question military intelligence experts

out of control in some areas."

the US government."

Rifkind on track for victory over InterCity sell-off



compromise

MALCOLM Rifkind is heading for victory in his cabinet battle to make an InterCity sell-off the spearhead of the government's blueprint for privatising British Rail.

Senior ministerial sources disclosed yesterday that John Major is on the point of conceding that his dream of resurrecting the golden age of rail travel by reviving the prenationalisation regional companies should play second fiddle to a dis-posal of the only profitable part of the BR empire.

The transport secretary has argued strongly that InterCity, which made a profit of £50 million last year, should be sold as a going concern, complete with track, rolling stock and stations, if privatisation of the railways is ever to be a

His proposals had run into late resistance from the prime minister. egged on by the Downing Street policy unit and the Centre for Policy Studies, who have urged a comeback for companies such as the Great Western and the London and Midland under their distinctive old colours.

After Tuesday's meeting at Downing Street of the informal group of cabinet ministers, led by Mr Major, drawing up proposals for a white paper before the election, the sources indicated that the basis of a compromise was emerging. InterCity would be sold as a single entity but, at the same time.

The transport minister appears to have won over objectors, including John Major, to his plans for rail privatisation.

Mr Major would have the consolation of fathering a rebirth of the

Nicholas Wood writes

regional structure. One senior minister said yesterday: "Progress was made at the meeting. Certain options were dropped and the position is now much clearer." According to one insider, the newly formed regional companies would be free to operate services in competition with a newly

privatised InterCity, either on the same track or on new track laid for the purpose.

At the meeting, Mr Rifkind was said to have circumvented one of the main obstacles to his scheme for moving BR into the private sector. Earlier in the week, a leaked internal report from BR suggested that. if InterCity was transferred to the private sector, the new management would close all its unprofitable services, withdrawing from 60 towns and cities. The transport secretary has defused this possibility by proposing that it would be a condition of sale that threatened services would be safeguarded for a number of years.

Mr Rifkind was said yesterday to

have won the backing of Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, who has been pushing, on competition grounds, for a third option, in which a national track authority would award franchises to private operators to run services on line-byline basis. Mr Lilley is believed to have dropped his scheme and to be backing the compromise put forward by the transport secretary.

Mr Major was said to be "not totally happy" with the latest ap-proach and had postponed a decision pending more talks with his advisers. However, he appears to be close to resolving his differences with Mr Rifkind.

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Maxwells given new chance to answer

Jail in hurled by rice

The Maxwell brothers were given a second chance last night to tell their side of the story of how millions of pounds were siphoned off from the Mirror Group pension fund (Jill Sherman

Following their refusal to answer questions put by the Commons social security committee on Monday, Ian and Kevin Maxwell will now 🕨 be summoned to a second

After a three-hour meeting yesterday the committee de-cided to back away from a direct confrontation with the brothers and agreed to a suggestion but by their lawyers on Monday to send the Maxwells written questions in

The committee denied that its decision was a compromise despite the fact that it goes half-way to meeting the lawyers' demands. On Monday lawyers acting for both Ian and Kevin Maxwell insisted that the brothers should maintain their right to silence to avoid incriminating

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College titles change blocked

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, yesterday removed the possibility of colleges taking university titles under the government's higher education reforms (John O'Leary writes).

Although polytechnics will have an automatic emitle ment to university status, colleges will need at least 4,000 students, courses in a wide range of subjects and the power to award research degrees to qualify. None is likely to meet the govern-ment's criteria in the forseeable future.

Blind teacher's appeal rejected

A teacher who was blind from birth had his appeal against a decision to make him redundant rejected by an industrial tribunal yesterday.

Derek Troll, aged 43, who taught at Hounslow Manor school west London, was the first teacher in Hounslow made redundant last March under reforms which passed control of staff from the authority to school governors. He claimed that the decision was unfair and discriminatory, and that the governors had not given him enough time to prepare his case.

Housekeeper's attacker jailed

A man with the head of Christ tattooed on his chest was jailed for nine years at the Central Criminal Court, London, for raping a priest's housekeeper.

Steven Beech, aged 28, unemployed, of south London, burst into the house while the woman, in her sixties, was telephoning a friend. The recipient of the call heard her shouts and alerted the police. Beech, who was said to have been drinking heavily, was arrested at the house. He denied rape but admitted indecent

Enquiry ends

Scotland Yard said yesterday that it had concluded its investigation, and would take no further action, over a large bundle of private colour pho-tographs of the Duchess of York said to have been found in a London apartment by a cleaner, and handed to police last week. The duchess is due to fly to Florida today in connection with the Motor Neurone Disease Association, of which she is patron.

Exit halted

The Home Office ordered by a High Court judge yesterday to halt the deportation of Ahmed Abdullah, a 26-year-old Sudanese, who says he fled to Britain after becoming the victim of neo-Nazi violence while trying to seek asylum in Germany Mr Justice Pill said the decision to deport Abdullah back to Germany must be suspended to allow time for judicial review proceedings

aged 62, who was leader of the union when it was expelled from the TUC three vears ago, said it was an appropriate time to retire.

Pushers Guildford Four police 'should face charges'

"on the balance of probabili-

ties", they could not receive a

Sir Patrick said: "The evi-

dence, say the Crown, gave

him no ground for holding

that a fair trial was probably

not possible." The magistrate

had reached an unreasonable

Charges against Thomas

Style, John Donaldson and

prejudicial and that the failure by investigating officers of

the Avon and Somerset

police, who enquired into the case, to caution the defendants was a misuse and ma-

nipulation of the process of

Sir Patrick said that, in all

but his first conclusion, the magistrate had been plainly

wrong. Any prejudice caused

by the lapse of time was not

sufficient to give rise to the risk that a fair trial would be

impossible. "Of course, 17

years is a very long time." he

said. But the case depended

much on the documentary

evidence, and that rendered

the time lapse less significant.

sible prejudice caused by pub

about the case was now nearly

Any jurors hearing the case

against the officers would re-

ceive a strong admonition from the trial judge to disre-

gard what they might have

seen or heard. Sir Patrick

The case continues.

Sir Patrick said that the

the court.

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THREE police officers involved in the Guildford Four case should face trial, in spite of a magistrate's decision to drop charges against them of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice, the High

Court was told yesterday. Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC. the Attorney-General, said that the magistrate had been wrong in all but one of the conclusions he reached in dis-

Vernon Attwell arose from the case of the Guildford Four, jailed for life for the charging the three men. Sir Patrick, making a rare 1974 Guildford and Woolcourt appearance, asked wich pub bombings but freed three judges to quash the by the Court of Appeal in decision of Ronald Bartle, the October 1989. The Surrey Bow Street stipendiary magofficers were charged with istrate, to dismiss the charges conspiring to pervert the against the officers and to course of justice by manufacorder him to go ahead with turing and putting forward committal proceedings. Mr notes said to be contempora-Bartle ruled last year that the neously made in interviews proceedings against the three with Patrick Armstrong, one men were an abuse of the process of the court and that.



magistrate wrong to drop charges

London is worst for accidents

By KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

LONDON has the most dangerous roads in Britain, according to a report issued yesterday by one of Britain's biggest motor insurers.
The Insurance Service.

Crown was not saying that no based in Bristol, says that prejudice arose out of the Londoners have a one in 50 chance of a road accident delay was not sufficient to involving injury in a year, a risk factor of 2.23. That comaffect the probablility of a fair trial. On the question of pospares with the national average in 1990 of 1.54, down licity, Sir Patrick said that any trial could not take place marginally from 1.56 per cent in 1989. Road deaths before the autumn, and the fell from 4.587 in 1989 to last television programme 4,423 in 1990. two years ago.

The Insurance Service made its calculations on the numbers of motorists and the number of accidents involving injury in each county In 1990, there were 226,441 accidents in England involv-

ing 455,234 vehicles. The first four places in the company's accident ratings league table have high car populations and some of the busiest roads in the country Surrey is second, with a risk factor of 2.09, followed by Cambridgeshire on 2.02 and

Warwickshire on 1.87. The risk factor for Avon. the safest county, has fallen from 1.12 to 1.07, based on figures compiled from transport department statistics. The West Midlands, Durham. Tyne and Wear and the Isle of Wight also register

low scores. The biggest jump in the year was recorded by Merseyside, which rose ten places to 13th, with a risk factor of 1.63. Others which also moved up the table in-clude Hereford and Worcester (up from 26th to 18th). Staffordshire (13th to 5th) and Greater Manchester

'target young' at English riviera

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By BILL FROST

A GENERATION of children is being targeted by drug pushers in an affuluent Devon resort where heroin, cocaine and ecstacy are available as easily as cream teas. parents have claimed.

So concerned are parents in Brixham that they have formed an action committee and offered to pay £15,000 a year to hire their own drugs squad officer.

Brian Crowley, a counsellor with Stepping Stones, a pri-vately run community project which aims to educate the young about the dangers of abuse, said: "The youngest referral so far has been an eight-year-old child who neighbours found smoking a joint. We regularly deal with overdoses on other drugs and have youngsters phoning us during the small hours in a suicidal state because of what they have taken."

Dolly Crowley, who runs Stepping Stones with her Mr Style and Mr Attwell husband, said parents had were present in court yesterinitially been unwilling to day for the start of the hearadmit the problem existed. ing, expected to last four days. "Brixham, the English rivi-All three men, who have conera, drugs here? They would sistently denied the charges, not face it. Now they have to are represented by counsel to oppose the prosecution's of all the teenagers in the town have experimented with Sir Patrick said that the drugs, solvents or alcohol."

magistrate had concluded Teenagers lounging outthat the delay since the case side an amusement arcade had been sufficiently extreme readily confirm that drugs to raise an inference of prejuwere plentiful in Brixham. dice; that the defendants had "There has been more of suffered disadvantages everything around for the through the lapse of time past four months or so, and it which could prejudice a fair is cheap, £9 for a tab of trial; that public comment ecstacy," one boy said. through the media was highly Steven, a member of the



Last resort: Brian Crowley, who counsels young drug abusers in Brixham, with Kirsty, a former addict

parents' action committee. went underground to gather intelligence on the pushers. He visits arcades, cafes and public houses. "They come and Liverpool and decide there are rich pickings here. Some of the minor league dealers use CB radio to let buyers know they have a stock

Steven, who does not want his real name used for fear of reprisals and the risk of jeopardising his cover, feared a whole generation was under threat in Brixham. "My son is four, and the pushers have

targeted primary as well as the moment the nearest offisecondary schools. If we don't do something now, what sort of world will he inherit?"

Kirsty, aged 19, a former user, who says she is "clean" at the moment, said: "You can get anything you want in Brixham: ecstacy, LSD, heroin, cocaine or cannabis. I started abusing solvents at the age of ten, some of the kids now are even younger and if somebody doesn't do something for them soon, they are finished."

Mr Crowley said: "We must have a drugs squad here. At

cers trained to deal with the problem are in Paignton and their resources are thinly third of them for possession stretched. It is about time someone recognised there is a serious problem on the Eng-

Police have welcomed the parents' campaign to cut drug abuse in Brixham. However, the private funding of an officer to root out the pushers required a higher sanction. "Something so radical would need to be considered by the chief constable and the Home Office," In-

spector Dick Compton said.

in Brixham. The problem is here and now - high unem-

ployment, no industry to speak of and nothing for the young to do. The pushers are selling

drugs to youngsters for whom life has become first boring and then depressing."

In the past six months two

dozen people in Brixham have faced drugs charges, a

with intent to supply. Inspec-

tor Compton said: There is a

problem here, but no greater

than in other similar towns."

Mr Crowley does not agree:

"Police manpower is so thin

Explain the reasons for sentences, judges told

THE senior Court of Appeal judge in charge of training the judiciary yesterday urged judges to be more ready to give their reasons when passing sentence to dispel public misconceptions that sentences were unfair.

Lord Justice Glidewell, who chairs the Judicial Studies Board, also gave support to a permanent standing body which could advise judges on lapse of time, but that the sentencing; and on training judges in racial awareness to "eradicate any such preju-dices that they might have".

In an interview to coincide with the publication of a review of the board's work, he said that he did not support the idea of a so-called "sentencing council" where people other than senior judiciary might make decisions about appropriate levels of

However, Lord Justice Glidewell did see a role for a body giving advice to judges on research, new methods of

for disseminating information" or a "means of getting together the senior judiciary with people from prisons and the probation service".

One of the main aims of the board, he said, was to try to eradicate inconsistencies in sentencing and to "try to engrain in people what the accepted standards is; and to seek to persuade them not to depart from it except if they think they have good reason, and then to explain it." On the sensitive issue of

training judges in racial awareness, one of the most "difficult" fields on which he had embarked, Lord Justice Glidewell said that that it was helpful for judges to be given information which they might not necessarily have

For example, he said, some Afro-Caribbean cultures did not allow a person to look directly at someone questioning or reprimanding them. If that happened in court, a judge might think the defendant was being evasive when he was only doing what he had been taught," he said.

Earlier this year, an ethnic minorities advisory committee was created, which will advise on the concerns and problems of ethnic minor-☐ Solicitors from local law

societies throughout England and Wales meet today to decide whether to take strike action over the Lord Chancellor's proposals to apply fixed fees to legal aid work in mag-The Lord Chancellor, Lord

Mackay, wants standard fees to replace the present system of payment by the hour from April. Opposition to the scheme has already led in some parts of the country to solicitors taking strike action in the shape of withdrawals from the duty rota scheme at police stations.

Judicial Studies Board: Report for 1987-1990 (HMSO.E7.80).

Labour rethinks tax change plans

Continued from page 1 ceiling would affect 12 per cent of taxpayers, many in marginal seats in the south which Labour needs to win an election victory.

Labour had thought that the tax increases could be sold politically, because extra revenue is earmarked to finance increases in the state pension and to restore the April 1987 level of child benefit. But the all-out Tory assault on Labour's tax plans and the assessment by independent observers that people on £500 per week would be £35 per week worse off under Labour's tax proposals appears to be inducing a rethink,

or at least a re-emphasis.

Neil Kinnock and his colleagues are now keen to emphasise the promises in earlier policy documents of a gradual change. Shadow ministers can claim that the phasing commitment has always been there. "Looking to the Future" in 1990 said that tax changes would be introduced gradually.

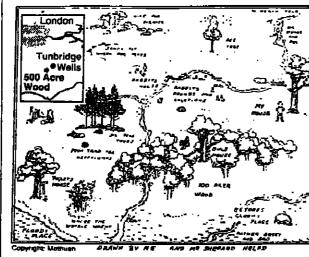
that the party has been un-wise in allowing the impres-sion to grow that the tax and insurance changes would all be made immediately.

Amid increasing talk of a hung parliament, Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said yesterday that his party would not support any tax proposals which increased the burden on those in the £27,000 to £33,000 a year group. The Liberal Democrats

plan a merger of income tax and national insurance systems which would add the present national insurance contribution to income tax levels. But more graduated steps would see those on £33,000 a year paying a top rate of 42 per cent and those on £50,000 and above a maximum of 49 per cent, com-pared to Labour's 59 per cent. The Liberal Denocrats too are pledged to increase pensions by £5 and £8 and to lift child benefit for all children to £9.55.

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In which the Forest is replanted and Pooh is delighted



BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

HUNDRED Acre Wood, the haunt of Christopher Robin and his friends Pooh, Piglet and Owl, has been replanted after being devastated by the storm

of October 1987. The woodland and the adjacent Ashdown Forest in East Sussex provided the setting for Winnie-the-Pooh and The House At Pooh Corner, A. A. Milne's stories about a Bear of Very Little Brain that have delighted generations of children and adults.

The woodland is the fictional location of Owl's house, famous for having both a knocker and a bell-pull" and called the Wolery by its occupant, who was notorious for his unreliable spelling. In real life the area is known as the Five Hundred Acre Wood and lies mostly within the Buckhurst estate of Lord De La Warr, whose family owned the whole of Ashdown Forest up to four

In the 1987 storm, even worse than the "blusterous day" when Owl's home was blown down, the estate lost 500 of its 800 acres of productive timber. "Five Hundred Acre Wood was in the eye of the storm and about three fifths of the trees we lost was there." Lord De La Warr said yesterday. "Most were conifers and fairly young and so less able to

resist the gale. Replanting of the estate with 243,000 trees has just been completed. This time more broadleaved, hardwood

species, such as oak, beech and wild cherry, have been included, in addition to faster growing conifers such as larch and Scots pine. It will be about 50 years before the wood will be restored to something like it was before the storm.

Christopher R. Milne, A.A. Milne's son and the Christopher Robin of the books, who played in the woods as a boy with Lord De La Warr's father, said yesterday that it was a reasonable mixture of trees. Mr Milne, aged 71, spoke from his home at Stoke Fleming, Devon, where he retired ten years ago from running a bookshop in Dartmouth.

Other parts of Ashdown Forest, including Gill's Lap (renamed Galleon's. Lap by Milne, also suffered badly in the 1987 gales, and have been replant-

in det coube f

Hammond goes Eric Hammond is m step down as general secretary of the EETPU electricians' union on March 13, a week after the result of a ballot on a proposed merger with the Amalgamated Engineering Union is due to be an-nounced. Mr Hammond,

Screams of 'get the keys for the beasts and let's kill them' after Sunday service

Jail inmates hurled 20ft by rioters, **QC** says

BY RONALD FAUX

RIOTING prisoners beat up an inmate, hurled him over the railings outside his cell, probably forced him him up again and threw him down a second time, Manchester crown court was told

The prisoner's cell was found to have splashes of blood from the floor to a height of five feet, Brian Leveson, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury as the trial began of five prisoners charged with murder and riot and three more accused

Mr Leveson said that after rioters took control at Strangeways prison. Manchester, in April 1990, inmates in a segregated wing of the prison cowered in ter-ror as masked men broke into their barricaded cells. threatened them with death. beat them unconscious and threw some of them 20ft into a net in the well of the cell block. One inmate, Derek White, aged 46, who was beaten about the head and chest, died in hospital two days later from pulmonary

Paul Taylor, aged 27: Alan Lord. 30; Sydney Doran, 25; Martin McLatchie, 35; and Andrew Nelson, 21; were charged with murder and riot. James Millar, 31; John Spencer, 29; and Brian Parke, 23; faced riot charges.

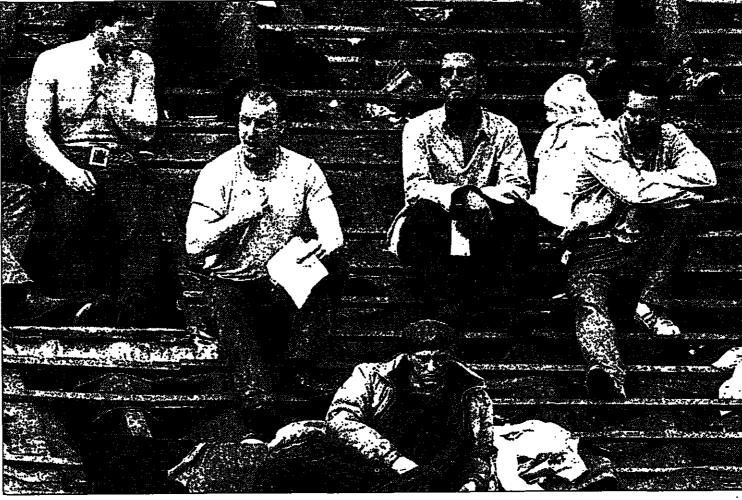
All eight plead not guilty. Mr Leveson said the hearing concerned the mock hangings and the horrific, terrifying violence meted out not to prison officers but to other prisoners detained in Strangeways on remand or awaiting sentence or serving a sentence. He said a hierarchy existed among prisoners at the bottom of which, and subject to abuse and violence, were those charged with sexual offences or offences towards or abuse of children. "In the language of prisoners these are called nonces or beasts and that is why they are regarded as a lesser form of life

"To protect them these men must be kept segregated and one of the early targets after prisoners obtained control was the fourth landing of E wing at the prison, one of the areas where these men were housed." That part of the prison was not targeted so that these men might be liberated and allowed to join in the destruction but they were tormented, terrorised, humiliated and beaten up. he said.

After the riot, one wall of White's cell was found to have splashes of blood extending from the floor to a height of 5ft. White, he said, was beaten and thrown over the railings outside his cell and there was some evidence that he was brought up again and thrown over a second time. Cell doors, debris, paint and urine were also thrown into the well of the block and inmates in E wing heard shouts of "get the keys for the beasts, let's kill them". Through the spy holes in their cell doors prisoners saw inmates being beaten up.

Mr Leveson said there had been rumours of impending trouble circulating in Str-angeways before the violence broke out during morning service in the prison chapel on April 1 and there was evidence that at an early stage it was certainly intended that the disturbance and riot should be violent.

Mr Leveson said inmates in E wing heard screams and shouts as the rioters broke down cell doors and attacked other prisoners. In cell four. two terrified prisoners saw a sharpened weapon poked



Rooftop protest: Paul Taylor (second from left) reading the prisoners' demands at the height of the riot that rocked Strangeways

door. One man took out a razor blade and threatened to cut his own wrists to drive the attackers away. They put a mattress against the cell door and started a fire in the hope of frightening them The prisoners retreated to

the cell window where one collapsed. The neighbouring cell was occupied by a man charged with burglary who had asked for protection because he had been threatened by other prisoners. He said his cell door appeared to have been opened with a key. He was taken out, struck in the face and back by a number of prisoners wielding ta-In cell nine, two other pris-

oners barricaded themselves in after hearing shouts. screams and cries of "over with him" from outside. After some hours the banging started on their own cell door which came away from the frame. Iron bars were used to strike both men across the head, causing inthrough the spy hole of the juries which bled profusely.

Six or seven men came into the cell and one of the prisoners was hit with a hammer and his nose was broken.

Prisoners in cell 12 saw through the spy hole in their door four men armed with scaffolding poles smashing the cell block toilets and heard shouts of "beasts. beasts, you are going to be dead. We have already,killed

After two hours their cell door was broken down and one of the prisoners was repeatedly struck on the head and body with chair legs and thrown over the railings. He grabbed hold of the rails but his hands were hit until he fell. He pretended to be dead, Mr Leveson said, and eventually he was left.

The court heard an audio tape recording of the Sunday morning service in the prison chapel at which the riot began. The Rev Noel Proctor. Strangeways chaplain. told the jury that when Paul Taylor began addressing the congregation and using obscenities he tried to take the

microphone from him and in the struggle gave himself a black eye. Another prisoner, Alan Lord, then ran down the central aisle and he saw Taylor attack a prison officer who was standing next to him and was knocked to the ground.

"I ran forward and knocked one or two of them out of the way and shouted to the lads in the choir to help me pull him out." Mr Proctor said. He said Mr Taylor then grabbed the officer's keys and ran off. The chaplain followed him and was confronted by a young man holding a fire extinguisher above his head. The recording of the service ended abruptly amid sounds of shouting and screaming.

Potential jurors were asked by the judge. Mr Justice Mantell, if they had any close friends or relatives who were serving or had served prison sentences or if they had friends or relatives connected with the prison service. The hearing continues



Victim: Derek White, who died after the attack

Students live in style rent-free

By RACHEL KELLY PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

STUDENTS, nurses and others on low incomes are living free of charge in some of the grandest houses skirting Regent's Park from where tenants of almost 40 years were recently forced to leave

because of rent rises.

Many of the former tenants of the Crown Estates were pensioners. Some or short-term leases faced in

creases of 1,000 per cent.
The Crown Estate said the students occupying Nash houses with views across the park were living free of charge, other than paying their bills, only because they had been employed by the Crown Estates' security com-pany, Ambika Security, to deter potential squatters.

"You must differentiate between tenants who have rights with security of tenure through leases," a Crown Estates spokeswoman said. The people now living in the houses through the security company will be out as soon

as we want them out. It's a very temporary measure." Fifteen properties are empty until the Crown Estates agrees new leases. It emphasised that not all the properties were empty because people could not afford the rents. "Some are empty for other reasons, if,

for example, a tenant dies." Giles Turnbull, of Ambika Security, said: "We only use the most trustworthy sorts of

In No 8 St Katharine's Precinct, Peter Welford, a lecturer, and his girl friend are acting as house sitters. They moved in a week ago. Weeks earlier, Rosalie Crutchley, the actress, had moved out of her home of more than 40 years after her rent rose from £1,650 to

Phebe Robino, of Park Village Residents Association. said: "Why couldn't the Crown Estates have come to some sort of arrangement with Rosalie? She was prepared to pay, so they could have got some money."

Ian Fleming, a commercial artist, whose rent for his three-bedroom house in Park Village East is going up from £4,000 to £18,500, said: "It's a bit crazy to have these house sitters when the original residents could have paid a decent rent."

Injury detector 'cannot be fooled'

BY CRAIG SETON

AN ORTHOPAEDIC physician who has introduced a spinal "lie detector" to Britain told a court yesterday that it was impossible to cheat the device. Hugo Kitchen was giving evidence at the High Court in Birmingham for a woman claiming damages for back injuries she received in a riding accident.

Annette Durrant, aged 34.

of Learnington Spa. Warwickshire, has denied that her back pain was largely psychological. Dr Kitchen said that she had been tested at his clinic in Strafford-upon-Avon on an American-made Isostation B-200, which had proved that she was suffering severe physical disability and was not exaggerating her weakness. It is the first time that evidence from the device has been produced in a British court.

Dr Kitchen said that when a patient was strapped into the machine, restricting movement to the lower part of the back, it measured each

bending movement and mon-itored flexibility, speed and strength and printed the results on a computer graph. He said: "The patient is tested against resistance of 25 per cent and 50 per cent of their original strength, which was measured while they were unresisted. The machine is impossible to cheat. The patient is not able to judge what resistance they are

He said that Mrs Durrant's tests showed that she was severely physically disabled. The court was told that she walked with the aid of a stick and could not work or ride again after her accident in 1987, in which her horse was involved in a collision with a

Municipal General, the insurers for Alexander McDonald. aged 57. an engineer from Coventry, who was the driver of the car, has admitted liability, but has asked the judge to assess damages. The hearing continues today.

Poll tax challenge halts court cases

By Douglas Broom LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

LIVERPOOL city council's attempt to prosecute poll tax defaulters suffered a setback yesterday after a successful challenge to the legality of the its methods in bringing cases In a ruling that has serious

implications for the pursuit of poll tax defaulters throughout England and Wales, magistrates in the city adjourned 200 summonses. Lesley Mahmood, who stood against Labour in the Walton by-election, argued that the council had no power to summons defaulters on the basis of computerised poll tax

The court decided to await the outcome of a similar case in Camden, northwest London, before ruling on the point raised by Mrs Mahmood, who stood as a Militant-backed "Real Labour" candidate in Walton. The Liverpool decision adds urgency to the search by

the Home Office for ways to

Branagh leads return to the RSC

plug the loophole first exposed last month in Bury St Edmunds. Suffolk, by Don Pollard, a teacher. Mr Pollard, who had his summon for alleged non-payment dismissed by magistrates, argued that councils could not use computer print-outs from their poll tax departments as evidence of non-payment.

Anti-poll tax groups say that the provisions of the 1968 and 1972 Criminal Evidence Acts, which allowed the use of computer records as evidence, have never been extended to cover magistrates courts. The Home Office and the Lord Chancellor's depart-ment conceded yesterday that the relevant sections of the acts had been brought into effect only in the High Coun and county courts.

The Home Office said it

was for magistrates to decide in each case whether to accept computer records, although ministers were examining the case for a change in the law.

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He said that he had want-

ed to open a Shakespeare in

London rather than Strat-

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ARTS CORRESPONDENT KENNETH BRANAGH is

to return to the Royal Shakespeare Company next season to appear as Hamlet in a production directed by Adrian Noble. Mr Branagh, who left the RSC in 1985, after being directed in Henry V by Mr Noble, to form the Renuissance Theatre Company, is no stranger to the role and is recording the play for Radio 3.

BY SIMON TAIT

Hamlet will differ from normal RSC practice by opening at the Barbican. London, in December and transferring to Stratford-upon-Avon later in the season, instead of the other way

Mr Branagh leads a return of a number of distinguished former RSC members, including Sir Peter Hall, who is returning for the first time since he left as its artistic director 24 years ago. He will direct two



Shafter one yet to be named.

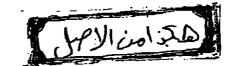
Sir Peter, who formed the RSC as a permanent company in 1960 and left in 1968, later to become artistic director of the National theatre, will be making his debut at the Swan theatre in Stratford with All's Well That Ends Well. The Shaffer play will be produced at the Barbican theatre. The return of Mr Branagh



an artistic mark of the change of fortunes for the company, whose growing deficit problems forced the winter closure of the Barbican theatre last year. The RSC is on schedule to break even this year after a record 1.450.000 people paid to watch its productions. A fund-raising committee has been established to eliminate the existing £3 million deficit ford and the timing of Hamlet "was perfect". He said the opening of the Stratford season tends to be awkward, with new productions opening from scratch. John Caird, the former associate director of the com-

pany, returns to direct a new Richard Nelson epic drama. Columbus, opening at the Barbican theatre in the summer. He will also direct the RSC's first piece of music theatre at the Swan theatre with The Beggar's Opera, and Anthony and Cleopatra with Richard Johnson and Clare Higgins.

Terry Hands, who Mr Noble succeeded last year, will direct Marlowe's epic Tamburlaine the Great at The Swan with Anthony Sher. who returns to the RSC from the National theatre.



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MPs attack delay on £4m secret social work report

DEMANDS were made yesterday for a Scottish sheriff to deliver immediately his report on a secret enquiry into social work practice that began three years ago and has cost almost £4 million.

The enquiry was ordered early in 1989 by Malcolm Rifkind, then Scottish secretary, after what appears to have been an irresolvable clash over social work policy in Fife. Mr Ritkind then said that he expected to see the report on his desk within three months

The public knows little about the details of the enquiry and those who have taken part will say nothing. Some social workers had to receive counselling after suffering distress because of the pressure and strain of overwork.

The final evidence was heard almost a year ago but, so far, Sheriff Brian Kearney has not given his report to lan Lang, who has succeeded Mr Rifkind. The public may never be told of the findings as it will be up to Mr Lang to decide if it should be pub-

MPs, councillors and church leaders have called for an end to what Henry

Corfu jails **Britons** over drugs

Three British tourists were found guilty yesterday by a court in Corfu of smuggling and possessing drugs.

Warren Foster, aged 23, of Throckley, Tyne and Wear, was jailed for three years and eight months and Jeffrey Nixon, also 23, of Hexham. Northumberland, was jailed for two years and eight

Julie Lawson, aged 22, of tenced to seven months' jail but allowed to return home after paying off the rest of her

Nepal cyclists are released

Two Britons arrested in Nepal for having false visas have been freed. Martin Richmond, of Stroud, Gloucestershire, and Trevor Nott, of Thames Ditton, Surrey, both aged 25, had been held in Kathmandu since December 11, charged with abetting a

On Sunday the Supreme Court reviewed the case and gave the lower court three days to either charge or release the Britons. The men were on a cycling trip when

Drugs on beach

A housewife walking her dog on a a beach at Sea Palling. Norfolk, found 140 kilos of cannabis worth £750,000 hidden in tins labelled sauerkraut. Police believe that bags containing the tins were landed during the night to be collected in the morning.

Flying seats

Child seats designed for cars are to be allowed on British passenger aircraft following approval by the Civil Aviation Authority. The seats, which must be in good condition, can be used for children from six months to three years.

Player charged Mark Dennis, the Queen's Park Rangers and former

Southampton footballer, was has given unconditional bail by magistrates at Wimb-Idean, southwest London, on a charge of indecently assaulting a 15-year-old girl. The case was adjourned.

Child trappers Two girls aged 11 and boy aged 12, recruited by trading standard officers in Cumbria

to trap shopkeepers selling cigarettes to children, obtained packets from three of 29 shops visited. Diptheria case A man aged 20 who has not

been named has been diag-

nosed as having the conta-

gious disease of diptheria at Southampton general hos-

Chinatown fire Fire destroyed a restaurant, casino and club in Manchester's Chinatown and brought rush-hour traffic to a near



iff to have the report on his desk immediately, whether it is finished or not." John MacDougall, leader of Fife's Labour administration, said that he suspected the delay was because there were few if any deficiencies found in the operation of the social work department to justify holding the enquiry.

The secret enquiry was ordered to look into allega-tions that children were at risk because of the region's policy of allowing children. whenever feasible, to be cared for within the community instead of being placed in residential care.

Although few will speak publicly about details that have emerged, one source said: "There has been nothing at all in the evidence that has suggested that the social work department has not acted in a reasonable manner throughout. There have been no cases of abuse or injury of any moment brought forward to the enquiry."

Allan Bowman, the social work director, was asked to give evidence for 21 days. compared to four days' evi-dence given by Marietta Higgs in the Cleveland

Last night a Scottish Office spokesman said that Sheriff Kearney had advised that the report was "quite well advanced" and that it was expected to be completed by the



McLeish: enquiry has gone on too long

A CHARITY which trains

former prisoners may have to

close because the government

has blocked payment of

grants after concern over its

The Apex Trust, founded

27 years ago, will go into

receivership unless it can re-

solve its financial difficulties

by next Monday. A demand

from the employment depart-

ment for the repayment of

£250,000, which it says it

paid in error to Apex last

April. has added to the chari-

Bill Mather, chief executive

of the charity, said that the

Home Office had held back

its core funding because it

believed the charity might be

insolvent. By withholding

funding, it was making cer-

tain this was the case, he said.

The trust, which employs 150 staff at eight training

centres, helps around 8,000

people with criminal records

each year. Mr Mather said

that the organisation had

overcome its solvency prob-lems and added: "Without

Apex Trust there will be more

crime, there will be less pri-

vate sector involvement, there

will be more victims, there

IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

AFTER 21 years of the troubles.

Northern Ireland is beginning to

fulfil its potential as a holiday desti-

nation. Recently published figures

show that visitors have increased

over the past three years, from 1.09

million in 1989 to an estimated 1.17

There are signs that people in

Britain, the Continent and the Irish

Republic are beginning to discount

the imagery of violence which has

long dominated the projection of

Northern Ireland abroad and take

advantage of modestly priced holi-

days in scenery of great beauty. In 1990, almost half the visitors came

from the Irish Republic and a quar-

ter, or 66,000. from Britain, an in-

crease of more than 60 per cent on

million last year.

finances.



Smoking time: Tony Benn, the veteran Labour MP, who yesterday became 1992 pipesmoker of the year, tries out his award from the Pipesmokers' Council — a pipe in the form of Big Ben, with a detachable "clock tower" for tamping down the tobacco. The clock stands at 10.10, division time in the Commons

5,000 patients a year 'die needlessly'

AT LEAST 5,000 patients a year in Britain die unnecessarily from cancer and are part of a lottery in which all sufferers stand only a random chance of getting the best care, a leading specialist said

Britain lags behind some Third World countries in the provision of cancer treatment, said Karol Sikora, director of clinical oncology at Hammersmith hospital, west London, which has launched an appeal to raise £5 million for a pioneering new cancer

He said that 250,000 people a year in Britain developed cancer and 170,000 a year died from it. Comparisons with Norway, America and France showed that fewer British patients survived five years after diagnosis. While only 58 per cent of Britons with breast cancer survived for five years, the

will be more cost to the tax-

payer and the Treasury will

the government introduced

new arrangements for fund-

ing last year. The trust had to

apply to the Training and

Enterprise Councils for

grants instead of to the em-

ployment department. Some

TECs employed other organ-

isations to train former of-

fenders, while some began

paying in arrears, instead of

in advance as the employ-

Lady Sear, chairman of

Apex, said that she had approached the Home Office

and employment department for additional funds without

success. Apex was doing all the government wanted by

working in partnership with

the private sector.

The employment depart-

ment said it had given an ex-

gratia payment of £250,000

to the charity as compensa-

tion for the loss of some of its

training business. A spokes-

man said: "What also hap-

pened was that a duplicate

payment of £250,000 was

made in error. We have now

and encourage.

the previous year. The remainder

were mainly from Germany. France

and Italy. It is a performance which

the government is keen to highlight

Richard Needham, the economy

minister at Stormont, told the

House of Commons on Monday

night: "The scenic, recreational and

cultural attractions of Northern Ire-

land compare with the world's best

and are at least on a par with those

in the tourism field is not the vio-

lence itself but the image it creates

of a crisis-torn, hatred-filled commu-

nity torn by an endless series of

bombs exploding in shops or under

cars, and by shootings and riots.

None of this is fiction but, for most

of the people in Northern Ireland

most of the time, life continues in a

Northern Ireland's main problem

of our neighbours in the south.

asked for that back."

ment department had done.

The difficulties arose when

toot the bill."

Cash-hit charity

warns of closure

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

Thomson Prentice reports on a specialist's concern that many hospitals are saddled with outdated techniques of cancer care

figure in Norway was 68 per cent, 72 per cent in America and 73 per cent in France.

"Britain's performance is consistently worse than these countries, in many cases alarmingly so. If we could only do as well as Norway. over 5,000 lives would be saved every year. We have now reached the situation where many of our hospitals lag behind even Third World oncology centres, whether in India and Pakistan, Vietnam

or Papua New Guinea." Professor Sikora said that when Hammersmith hospital tried to sell a second-hand piece of diagnostic equipment five years ago, it was rejected by Uganda as obsolete. But it was snapped up by a health authority in southeast England, where it is still

Six out of ten British hospitals providing cancer treatment were using radiother-apy equipment far beyond the ten years for which they were designed, he said. "The tragedy is that people are dying only because the approach we have in the UK is hopelessly fragmented, and many patients cannot get access to what they need.

A cancer patient in Dundee could expect six hours of a consultant's time in the first year after diagnosis. But some London patients would receive only an hour and a half. Britain had fewer cancer specialists per person, and were handling more patients. than most other European

countries, including Poland, he said.

Professor Sikora called for the establishment of 25 to 30 specialist cancer centres, of which the new Hammersmith unit would be the model. Due to open in 1995, it will combine the best medical technology, research and clinical expertise with some of the therapies of complementary medicine. This holistic approach, building a patient's will to survive, was central to the concept of the unit, he said.

Plans for a network of such centres had been proposed 25 vears ago but had failed to win enough local and national support. "Successive governments have failed to tackle cancer care effectively. Despite big health service changes by the government in the last two years, the cancer situation has, if anything, got worse," he said.

JOHN MANNING

Equity ban 'costs millions'

By ROBIN YOUNG

EQUITY, the actors' union. was accused in the High Court yesterday of depriving British entertainers of millions of pounds in fees by its ban on the sale of television and radio programmes to South Africa. The actor Marius Goring is seeking court orders to stop the union coninuing its boycott.

In a statement read to Mr lustice Mervyn Davies, Mr Goring claimed that South African demand for Britishmade programmes could be gauged from the widespread black-marketing of BBC and ITV productions. John Mc-Donnell, QC, reading Mr Goring's statement, said that the boycott was "directly adverse to members' economic nterests" and had been unawfully imposed.

Equity, which claims that the boycott is in the wider interests of its members, attempted to block the action on the basis that it had been delayed too long, but the judge ruled that he saw no grounds to strike out the case The hearing, expected to last five days, continues today.

peaceful and orderly procession.

Most of the violence occurs in

localised and concentrated areas of

Belfast and Londonderry and like

communal conflicts everywhere. vir-

tually all the participants and vic-

tims come from the two communi-

ties involved. A great deal of the

violence engages only the members

of the underworld groups of loyalist

and republican paramilitaries, leav-

ing the majority to get on with their

As Anne Moore, of the Northern

Ireland Tourist Board pointed out.

the hardest part, especially in the

case of prospective visitors from

Britain, is to get them to come over

for a first visit. "Once they do. they

enjoy the countryside so much and

the people are so friendly and help-

ful that they want to come back," she

said. The province's main attrac-

Scale model: Police sergeant Chris Booth carries off his wife Penny. who weighed more than 17 stone in 1990. She has lost seven stone and yesterday won Slimmer magazine's Young Slimmer of the Year award at the Savoy hotel, London. Mrs Booth, aged 27, of Chelmsford, Essex, now models clothes for the magazine. She went on a diet when she saw herself in a hospital mirror after her son Samuel was born and reached 9st 7lb in ten months Ulster witnesses an explosion in tourism

tions are the scenery on the Antrim

coast, around the lakes of Ferman-

agh. and in Co Down between

Strangford Lough and the Moun-

tains of Morne near the border.

Northern Ireland has excellent facil-

ities for sailing and fishing and more

than 70 golf courses, including two

in the world's top 14. There are also

unspoiled seaside resorts and a wide

range of accommodation, from cara-

vans through farmhouse bed and

breakfasts to expensive hotels. The

province is cheap, easily accessible

and a good starting point for a tour

An estimated 8 per cent of tourists

visit Northern Ireland specifically to

see the scenes of the troubles and

include on their itineraries visits to

the Falls and Shankhill Roads in

West Belfast and the Bogside in

of the whole of Ireland.

Londonderry.

The Budget box holds key to election timing

Dolitics these next three I months will not be for fainthearts. But when will we see the election which, in different ways, will put us all out of our misery?

Forget the idea that the latest ICM opinion poll giving the Tories a 1 per cent lead will encourage John Major to make a dash to the country in February. With the volatility of the electorate, one poll means nothing. An election before February 15, still just possible

after allowing the required 17 days (excluding week-ends and bank bolidays) from the dissolution of Parliament, would have to take place on the old register. Problems in making computer tapes of the new regis-ter available would make an election before mid-March a messy business.

Above all, the government cannot be confident of having the council tax bill completed before March, and no minister would dare to face the electorate without such official confirmation that the poll tax has been finally interred at the crossroads with the stake through its heart.

Nor are senior ministers contemplating fighting an election without having a Budget first. They are agreed that on any of the available options they will now be fighting that elec-tion with the economy still 'flat". Norman Lamont and his colleagues know that the Budget is the biggest opportunity they have to make an impact on the economic op-timism figures which could determine their future.

hat rules out the earliest Loptions. At the other end of the scale, the latest date on which the election can be held, within five years of the current Parliament meeting is July 9. Suggestions from Tory

Central Office that June should not be ruled out are regarded as shadow boxing. Few Tory MPs believe that the prime minister, would call the election any later than May 7, the date of the local government elections. The Tories are likely to suffer in those because they will be defending many seats gained in the highwater mark days of 1988. Going any later than May would look like hanging on

in desperation.

The debate now in senior Tory ranks is effectively between April 9 and May 7. An April 16 election would mean counting on Good Friday and an April 19 Easter effectively cuts out the next Thursday too. April 2 remains as an outside earliest option. The pointer will come from the announcement of the Budget date.

If the Chancellor opens his battered box on March 3 it will be a strong indication that the government is aiming for April 9 and could dash for April 2. A March 10 budget would indicate that the April 9 option is being kept open, although Chris Patten, the party chairman, and John Mac-Gregor, the Leader of the Commons, regard that as

NOTEBOOK By ROBIN OAKLEY

tight for getting through es-sential Budget business. A March 17 Budget would indicate that May 7 remains the favourite, although Mr Patten discounts the traditional argument that holding a general election on the same day as the local gov-erument poll would strain the Liberal Democrats'

Tactics and timing are now concentrated on the budget debate within the government. Both prime minister and Chancellor want tax cuts, but no final decision has been taken on the form these will take.

Some ministers argue that the straight penny off the standard rate would put the spotlight on Labour, which has pledged to repeal any such cut. The latest poll will strengthen their case. Others argue that it would be better to exempt many more people from tax alto-



Lamont: will signal likely poll date

gether, which Labour would find it hard to reverse. Either way, it has been decided that tax cuts should not be made unless they can be justified as a natural element in the government's economic strategy, not ap-pearing to be an electoral gimmick. And that is where we get back into timing.

Labour strategists
Labelieve that the government might get away with
tax cuts in a Budget linked date because the markets would prefer the continuity of a Tory election victory. But tax cuts with the election timing still uncertain, they believe, would worry the markets, put pressure on the pound and intensify the questions marks over Tory ability to handle the

That argues for a tax-cutting Budget on March 10 followed by an election on April 9. But there is a snag. In the first week in April the last round of poll tax bills go out. Labour is convinced they will include significant increases which will focus attention on an issue which has always proved a bonus for them. And that argues that the government would want to cool the question down over another month. In every election decision so far, Mr Major has taken the cautious option. I think he will go for May 7.

MPs censure King over shipyard sale

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

TEAM of MPs censured Tom King, the defence secretary, yesterday for failing to tell Parliament the full costs of privatising the Belfast shipbuilding company Harland and Wolff.

The Commons public accounts committee discovered that MPs were not told by Mr King, when he was Northern Ireland secretary in 1989, of extra costs to the taxpayer totalling £525 million.

The Tory-dominated committee, which has previously criticised failure to disclose all the costs of privatising the Rover car company and Short Brothers, warned the government to make sure that Parliament is told the full

£625 million; some £525 miltion had not been notified to Parliament." About £422-mil-

tion of the loss was caused by writing off interest-free loans. loans, which could not be repaid, represents a considerable loss to the taxpayer," the eport said. The MPs found it impossible to judge if the sale went through at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer but said that some changes to the final terms were "in our view costly.



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financial details of any future sales at the earliest opportunity. "Only in this way can the principles of public accountability be properly satisfied." The management and employee buy-out team, backed by the Norwegian shipowner Fred Olsen, paid £7.6 million

taxpayer of the sale totalled £625 million. Mr King told the Commons on March 22, 1989. the outlines of the sale. The committee said that, although Mr King mentioned the privatisation arrangements, he did not detail all the costs. "When we questioned the department on the full cost implications of the sale we learned that, of the total cost to government of

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Tories exploit the common touch

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

CONSERVATIVE planners have drawn up a strategy to exploit John Major's personal popularity and his image as a man of the people as the centrepiece of their general

election campaign.
In marked contrast to the more aloof style of Margaret Thancher, Mr Major will be presented as the most accessible prime minister of modern times. He is to be constantly available to the press, appearing at virtually every daily London morning press conference through the cam-paign, and will be offering himself for regular interviews by the local and national media covering his election tour

of the country.

Mrs Thatcher relied mainly on big set-piece rallies of the party faithful. Mr Major will adopt a more conversational style, regularly setting aside the platform for walkabouts and informal question-and-answer sessions with the voters. Mr Major's readiness to face questioning will be contrasted by Tory strategists with Neil Kinnock's practice of leaving many of the critical London morning press conferences to members of the shadow cabinet. The underlying political aim will be to flush out the Labour leader on areas that the Tories consider him and his party to be vulnerable.

Chris Patten, the Tory chairman, has finalised his



Shephard: media voice for Conservatives

weights for the campaign. The demonition job on Labour will be mainly entrusted to Michael Heseltine, Kenneth Clarke, David Mellor and Michael Howard.

-Norman -Lament,- who some MPs thought would be kept out of the limelight for fear that voters would associate him too closely with the recession, will also be given a prominent role. Ministers accept that any attempt to hide the Chancellor would become an election issue in itself. Mr Heseltine's career has been fully rehabilitated after his years in the wilderness

Gillian Shephard, the first woman to be given a Treasury post and recently appointed a Tory deputy chairman, will team of political heavy- also be given a high-profile

role. Mr Patten will make daily visits to his Bath constituency where he faces a threat from the Liberal Democrats. When he is away from Central Office, John Wakeham, the cabiner's publicity chief who is leaving the Commons, will take over the backroom reins and Mrs Shephard will be given the task of responding to breaking stories on television and radio. Sir Norman Fowler, the

former cabinet minister, is to be Mr Major's right-hand man on his nationwide tour. Sir Norman, who stood down in 1990 after serving throughout Mrs Thatcher's administrations, is regarded as "the safest pair of hands around" by Conservative leaders and is being tipped for a return to the government if the Tories win. At present senior ministers expect Mrs Thatcher to con-

centrate her energies on supporting her close friends in the ministerial and backbench ranks. They are, however, resigned to the fact they will have little control over her public utterances.



Green outlook: Richard Lawson and Jean Lambert, elected yesterday as "principal speakers" in the Green party's new streamlined structure.

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well taken care of.

The Greens hope that a small number of faces will improve their chances in the election, in which they will be fielding more than 250 candidates.

tive parliamentary candidate for Walthamstow, and Dr Lawson, aged 45, will stand in Weston-super-Mare.

Heseltine taps green issues

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine injected the environment into the pre-election sparring between the Conservative and Labour parties yesterday with a scornful attack on what he claimed was Labour confusion over its future plans for renationalising the privatised water industry, which he said was the envy of Europe.

The environment secretary said there was disagreement between the left and right wings of Labour on whether. and when, water should be taken back into public

He said the industry's huge investment programme would, from 1990 to 1995. be double, in real terms, what Labour had spent between 1974 and 1979. That would be put at risk by renationalisation, Mr Heseltine said. yet Labour did not know what its policy was.

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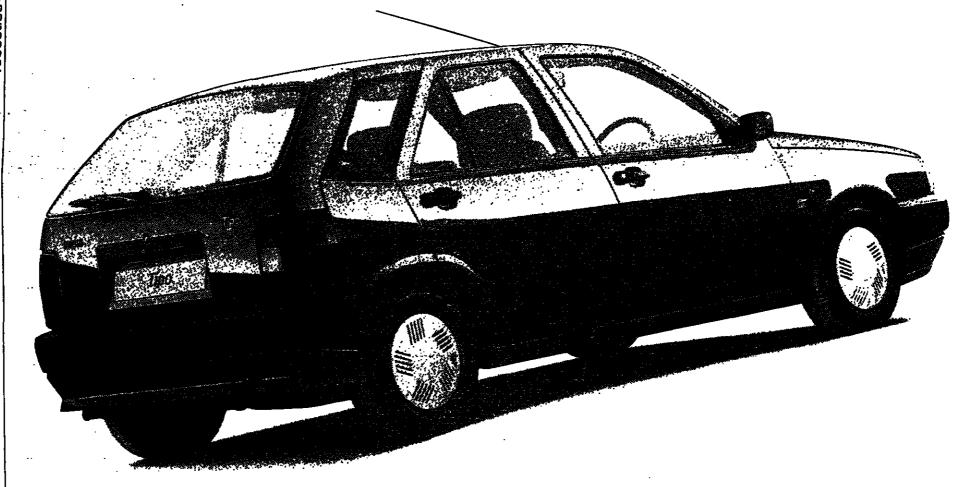
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However, Ann Taylor, the shadow environment minister, at once spelt out that a Labour government would return water to the public sector as a priority. "The public shares our view." she said.

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Farmers offered incentive

ian poll, following two earlier polls putting Labour clearly

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New payments are to be made to encourage environmentally sensitive farming in five areas, John Gummer, the agriculture minister, told the Commons

The payments will be available to farmers in the Broads, Pennine Dales, Somerset Levels and Moors. South Downs and West Penwith who follow traditional practices and restore landscape features.

The locations are part of the environmentally sensi-tive areas scheme and some of their boundaries will be extended, he said. Another five areas will be reviewed later this year.

Tunnel role

The role of customs officers on the British side of the Channel tunnel will be to carry out spot checks for smuggling, the House of Lords was told by Lord Brabazon of Tara. There would be minimal inconvenience to travellers, he said.

Exports rise

On a balance of payments basis the volume of UK exports of manufactures is estimated to have risen by 26 per cent between November 1987 and November last year, David Mellor, the Treasury chief secretary, said in a written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury: prime minister. Competition and Service (Útilities) Bill, remaining stages. Lords (3): Further and Higher Education Bill, report, second day.

DOES the Conservative lead error and genuine shifts of in yesterday's ICM/Guard-opinion. In-house effects the tendency for a polling company to attribute consistently high or low support to a party — can be ruled out. Since 1987 ICM has usually put Labour support at the top of the range, yet recorded a swing against Labour. NOP vatives towards the top of the range, yet reported a 5 per cent Labour lead last

Reading hidden

message of polls

Sampling error is a far likelier explanation. The polling companies claim accuracy to within plus or minus 3 per cent for each party, which means plus or minus 6 per cent for the headline figure of the party lead. This in turn means that, in theory, sampling error could produce a 12 per cent difference in the party lead for two identically designed and simultaneous polls. The switch from a 5 per cent Labour lead at the weekend to a 1 per cent Conservative lead yesterday is well within sampling error.

The probability that sampling error alone could produce a figure as maccurate as 6 per cent is only one in ten (at most); the probability of two simultaneous polls showing a 12 per cent difference is only one in a hundred.

Yesterday's Conservative lead probably arises from some sampling error combined with a genuine shift of opinion. The precise fieldwork dates are crucial. NOP's 5 per cent Labour was based on interviews conducted on the Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, in the midst of Conservative-Labour .arguments about taxes. Yesterday's ICM poll was conducted on the Friday and Saturday, after the dust had settled. The political headlines normally take two or three days to make an impact on public opinion.

The true state of opinion is best found in the moving average of recent polls, which suggests — as it has done for two months — that the two parties are very close, that Labour remains fractionally ahead, and that the Liberal Democrats have slipped a point or two. Fourteen of the 16 polls conducted since November 1 have come within 2 per cent of putting the Conservatives at 40 per cent, Labour at 42 per cent and the Liberal Democrats at 14 per cent. More significantly, 13 of the 16 polls have pointed to a hung parliament

Ivor Crewe is professor of government at the University of Essex.

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Ski industry may resort to rationing

By Philip Webster

SKIERS may have to buy tickets in advance or book places on the piste to beat congestion at some of Austria's top resons.

The best start to a season in years, with heavy early winter snowfalls, has given European skiing a much needed renaissance. But it has also refuelled the long-running battle between the ski industry and environmental groups who say that the sport spoils the landscape and upsets the balance of nature in the mountains. Some have even called for skiing to be banned, while school ski trips have been discouraged in Germany.

The ski mountain communities, determined to show that they are as keen as anyone to protect the environment, are putting forward measures to prevent a build-up of furning traffic and people at peak

Heinrich Wagner, tourism director of St Anton in the Austrian Tirol, one of Europe's leading resorts, believes that

Singapore gets tough on smokers

Singapore: The island repub-lic. which recently banned chewing gum and already has extensive anti-tobacco restrictions, is to clamp down even harder on smokers.

The government introduced a bill in parliament yesterday allowing it to declare any public places, not specified in the present law. as off-limits to smokers. The bill also doubles the maximum fine for breaching the ban to \$\$1,000 (£340).

Presently it is an offence to smoke in air-conditioned restaurants, department stores, snooker parlours, bowling allevs, cinemas and public lifts.

The republic bans eigarette vending machines and cigarene advertisements in the local media and foreign publications with a Singapore circulation of more than 10,000. (Reuter)

the number of beds offered to skiers should be limited. Everyone staying in a resort would then be guaranteed a ski pass. but the number of day passes for casual skiers or car-borne tourists would be limited. They would have to buy their passes in advance, usually on the telephone by credit card, to be sure of being able to ski at a

Mr Wagner believes that this would dramatically reduce the numbers of skiers at busy periods, cut down on cars and improve the quality of skiing. At St Anton, a skiing Mecca regarded as the place where the sport began as a leisure activity, there are 8,000 beds but at busy holiday times 14,000 people are out on the

Mr Wagner is sanguine about the green revolution. "I suppose all human activity has damaging side-effects. The only way to avoid it would be for us all to shoot ourselves. he says. But he knows that the ski industry must respond to genuine worries about the

Austrian ski chiefs want better rail links between airports and resorts to discourage people from using cars: already it is possible to get by air and rail from Heathrow via Zurich to the Arlberg ski area in under five hours. Staggered holiday starting dates would avoid big traffic snarl-ups at weekends, the traditional changeover time. Schools could spread their holidays across the season.

In St Anton, and accompanying resorts like St Christoph and Lech, ski instructors now urge their pupils to take their time enjoying the pleasures of the mountains, rather than ski at fast speeds like downhill racers. Austrian resorts are also refusing to use environmentally damaging additives when making artificial snow.

Mr Wagner is irritated by calls to ban skiing. He says: "If skiing was stopped the environment would not suddenly improve. It is the people who live in the mountains who ing has been the lifeblood of mountain communities."

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Fully fiedged: a group of 20-year-old women celebrating Coming of Age day in Tokyo yesterday. A Japanese officially becomes an adult on his or her 20th birthday, and Coming of Age day is a public holiday when ceremonies are held marking the passage to adulthood

Art-loving to a degree

CURATORS of exhibitions will learn how to help the public to appreciate contemporary art as a part of an MA course at the Royal College of Art, the first such course in Britain.

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The Arts Council is making its first venture into higher education by committing E350.000 over five years on a course aimed at improving the display and acquisition of contemporary art. It will involve a unique partnership between the college, the Tate Gallery and Middlesex Polytechnic.

The new £1 million visual arts course at the college will be the first in Britain to train curators how to mount exhibitions of modern art, and the first in the world to teach the commissioning of con-temporary works. The twoyear course, which will have its first intake of ten students in October, was announced jointly by Jocelyn Stevens. rector of the college, Lord Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, Nicholas lege's galleries on which they Serota, director of the Tate will be adjudicated. College Gallery, and David Melville, staff will be available for

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Helping the public to appreciate modern art will be a vital part of an MA course for exhibition curators at the Royal College of Art. Simon Tait reports on the venture

director of Middlesex Polytechnic.

The course will be run by the college's faculty of humanities, whose head is Christopher Frayling, also chairman of the Arts Council's visual art panel. "The visual arts scene seriously needs this course," Professor Frayling said. "In the past, training for curators of con-temporary art has been rath-er hit-and-miss. The course, which will be a master of arts post-graduate degree, will offer properly trained experts or the first time, and as such will change the whole

world of contemporary art." The course will include training in at least one other European language, and students will be expected to mount exhibitions in the col-

teaching on the course, which will also involve placements with museums, galler ies, magazines and local authorities in Britain and at-

tachments to European

Nicholas Serota, who helped to found the contemporary arts course at Magasin, Grenboble, said that not enough consideration was given to the public response to arts as opposed to how good pictures looked on a wall. "The key for the Tate has been repartee with the artists, and we have built up the study of exhibiting contemporary art which the trustees feel we ought to share with other people," he said. "For instance, for far too long small catalogues have been produced which very heavy on lists of exhibits tion. Presentation should have intellectual and theoret-

He said that in the late 60s artists began making art which could not be shown without their involvement, and that needed to be taken more account of. The Tate will run seminars for the course, and Middlesex Polytechnic's contribution will be through its course on the interpretation of visual culture.

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Film stars march against triads

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

IN AN unusual protest yesterday, Hong Kong film stars and directors marched on the colony's main police station to complain about triad involvement in the film industry and demand greater police protection from organised

The protest comes after the theft at gunpoint by triad gangsters of two reels of a new film to be released next month. Triad violence, gang warfare, and extortion are the staple of Hong Kong's vibrant film industry, but the gangsters are more than just celluloid characters: for years they have been preving on the richest and best known stars and directors in the colony.

Underworld intimidation and blackmail have been the subject of open talk within the industry for some time. But stars have braved the gangsters' threats to protest that the police have been unable to protect them.

Jackie Chan, the kung fu star, said the threat to the industry had become very serious. "We can no longer stay silent. We actors and actresses are threatened and should group together to fight it." He described how triads controlled location sites so that no director could film in

Hong Kong without paying vast fees to criminal gangs. He said he had worked on one film where gangs extorted a fee of £3,700, then £370 a day for a location site. At the end of shooting they demanded £2,220 to dismantle the set. "Otherwise, they said, the set would be burnt down," Chan said.

Amy Yip, a popular actress, told a Chinese language newspaper that she had come under pressure to appear nude in a film that was funded by the triads.

Leading stars have been pressed to act in films funded the gangs for rates far below their market value, producing huge profits for the gangs. We have very little choice over the films we can act in," Dodo Cheng, an actress, said. Andy Lau, an acfilm as demanded by a triad gang, paid dearly. "It ended with my office being turned upside down by several gangsters," he said. His manager had also been threatened at gunpoint. Many of those taking part in the protest admitted they were afraid to speak out, "Yes, I am scared," said Philip Wong, of the Hong Kong film-makers' guild. "But we have to do this or it

rape. (Reuter)

Melbourne: The Victorian government has offered a AUS\$250,000 (£104,000) reward for the discovery of a ship, possi-bly dating back to 1552, sighted in shifting sands. The ship could be part of a Portuguese expedition and its discovery could rewrite Australian history.

Ape jape ..

Tokyo: Jiro, a six-year-old monkey famous for television adverts in Japan. has begun imitating the collapse of President Bush at a state dinner in Tokyo last week. When his train-er calls "Bush-san, Bush-san", Jiro closes his eyes and keels over in a convincing swoon. Taro Murasaki, the trainer, is

Rock and roller turns to God

JACK Good, the man who scandalised post-war middleclass Britain by introducing rock and roll to the television screen, is to become a hermit in a Carmelite monastery in west Texas. "I am finished as a rocker. I want to make a determined effort to find God," he said yesterday.

Almost overnight, Good steered a generation of children away from the innocent lyrics of "The Laughing Policeman" and "Davy Crocket (King of the Wild Frontier)" and subjected them to young men with gyrating hips who sang of young love, tight jeans

and big fast cars.
As Teddy Boys danced in cinemas to Rock Around the Clock, MPs questioned whether Mr Good was leading us all into damnation by producing and creating Six-



Good: "I want to make an effort to find God" Five Special, the BBC's Sat-

urday night show which ensured that all parents knew for half an hour where their children were. The BBC was initially horr-

ifed by the show but kept it on when its popularity became obvious. The friction was,

however, sufficient for Mr Good to change sides and produce his own show, Oh

will go on."

Before leaving Britain almost 30 years ago, Mr Good converted to Catholicism and has spent much of his time painting crucifixion scenes at his home in New Mexico. He disclosed his plans to

retreat from the show-business world on LBC radio's Parkinson programme.
"Now I am 60 I am not unhappy or disillusioned with the world, I just want to make a determined effort to find God," he said. In my hermit-age I shall have a little cell and attend chapel for regular

Before he stops jiving for ever, Good will be in London to see Good Rockin' Tonite the musical written by him which opens next week at the Strand theatre in London.

Suicide rise alarms China

Peking: With psychiatry no longer regarded as a bourgeois evil. Chinese authorities are responding to an alarming suicide rate by encouraging citizens to seek belp before resorting to self-harm. Suicide is ahead of road accidents and second only to natural causes as a cause of death in China.

accounting for 33 per cent of non-natural deaths, according to an American study. In the past few years.
"suicide prevention centres" have opened in many cities to dissuade

the distressed from taking their own lives. Chu Chengping, a psychologist in a central Peking. clinic, said that since China opened to the outside world over a decade ago. people had begun to react to their work and new lifestyles by feeling under

more pressure. His centre's telephone helpline is constantly engaged and in the capital's commercial district people can talk to counsellors in private cubicles. (AFP)

Imelda urged commission challenged Imelda Marcos, the former first lady, to repatriate milions of dollars it says she keeps in Swiss banks. Mrs Marcos has said she will run for president to save the Philippines from poverty. She and her late misband Ferdinand have

been accused of looting

the country of up to five billion dollars. (Reuter)

Bail granted Dhaka: Bangladesh's

high court granted bail to the wife of Hossain Mohammad Ershad, the former president. It rejected charges that Begum Roushan Ershad was corrupt, accomplated wealth and misused government

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Rape dispute

coolyn, a Hong Kong Family Planning Association psychologist and rape victim counsellor, has resigned in disgust at "destructive" remarks made last week by Dr Margaret Kwan, executive director of the associ-ation. Dr Kwan told husinesswomen that women in miniskirts invite

Ship reward

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hoping for a tour of the United States. (AP)

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Our man in Baghdad calls it a day Warner officials would not

The former British ambassador to Iraq is retiring from the diplomatic service, the Foreign Office announced yesterday. Sir Harold "Hooky" Walker. aged 59, has been an adviser at the Foreign Office in London since the Gulf war because Iraq has broken off diplomatic relations with Britain. During his time in Baghdad, Mr Walker dealt with the hostage-taking and missions by Edward Heath and others to free trapped Britons. He was rewarded with a knighthood. He intends, among other activities, to work as a consultant to the relief organisation

A performance of The Barber of Seville literally brought the house down in square metres of the ceiling in the foyer of the Rome opera house and a chandelier came crashing down during the premiere of Rossini's 1816 masterpiece, a spokesman said. No one was seriously hurt and a second performance was planned to go ahead as scheduled last night.

Kitty Kelly, the author of controversial biographies of Frank Sinatra, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Nancy Reagan, has trained her sights on the British royal family, the New York Times has reported. The newspaper said that Warner Books was expected to announce that Kelly had been signed to write a book on

the House of Windsor.

say whether the British royal family was the subject of the book, nor how much the author would be paid. _ 0

The Princess of Wales will visit leprosy victims in Calcutta next month. She will spend time with patients at the Leprosy Mission Hospital during a five day official tour of India with the Prince of Wales which will take them to Delhi, Jaipur and Hyderabad.

Sonny Bono, the former singer, says that reporters covering his U.S. Senate campaign have no business asking if he used drugs during his Hollywood years. But he added: "I'm absolutely anti-drug now,

and I was anti-drug then."
The 56-year-old Palm Springs mayor, who used to. be married to the singer Cher, was asked if that meant he had never experimented with drugs. He replied: "It's none of your business."

A Chilean artist has painted for 192 hours non stop. earning a place in the Guinness book of world records. "I want to say many things but I cannot." Eduardo Henriquez, aged 25, said after painting for eight days and nights at a Santiago shopping center. During that time he finished nine works, mostly landscapes. A nurse who monitored his condition said he was "in bad shape psychologically".

The Gulf war, one year on: how the fortunes and outlook of players and observers have been reshaped

Wonderland fosters cult of strongman

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN

IRAQ, a year after the bombs began to fall on Baghdad, is a nightmarish society in which the same corrupt, minority clique which ordered the invasion of Kuwait holds sway. bolstered by a reconstructed. propaganda machine and a rejuvenated internal security network more ruthless than

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any in the Arab world.

President Saddam Hussein, his face pudgy again and the arrogant prewar swagger back, has shuffled his regime to protect his back by moving trusted family members into a more closeknit circle. At a rare appearance recently he was ringed by 20 bodyguards. He is reluctant to use the telephone lest American eavesdroppers discover his whereabouts and send a missile to destroy him.

Senior East European and Russian diplomats in Baghdad are sceptical of recent Washington claims that the regime is growing more brittle, with the continuing trade embargo increasing chances of a coup. They claim that Saddam has a tight grip on Baghdad and its environs, while near anarchy reigns in the Shia Muslim south and the Kurdish north.

Crime rates have soared and Saddam's eldest sori, Uday, has demanded the introduction of Islamic punish-ments including public beheading to counter it. Women. under 45 unaccompanied by a close male relative have been barred from leaving the country in an effort to deter

The car bomb which exploded outside a Baghdad hotel last month is regarded from," gloated al-Thawra, as a sign of growing, but the Baath party daily. Iraqi



Saddam: has a tight grip on Baghdad

disorganised, opposition. The opposition groups who met in Damascus this month gave little impression of coherence. and in Baghdad the postwar period of glastnost has been ended brutally.

"The secret policemen are

back everywhere," a Western-visitor was told last week by a frightened resident who said that criticism of the regime. commonplace after the war. had been silenced. Little public mention is made of Kuwait and almost nightly, a large part of Iraq's main television news is taken up with reports on unemployment, homelessness, poverty and crime in America. "As we celebrate with our heads held high, the first anniversay of the tyrannical 30-state aggression against us, Bush was muring Asian countries looking for a solution to the economic crisis the United States is suffering

officials claim that Saddam will outlast President Bush as a leader, an assertion not treated with the scorn it would have been a year ago.

The few tame television crews granted visas to cover the anniversary under strictly controlled conditions have been discouraged from reporting the gunfire heard nightly in Baghdad. Instead, they have been encouraged to film babies with matchstick limbs and distended bellies dying from lack of food and medicine which the regime shamelessly tries to portray as the result of United Nations

sanctions.
The ministry of information minders invariably fail to point out that had Saddam agreed to export oil as permitted by a UN resolution, scarce food and medicine could have been supplied. Instead, UN terms dictating how the revenue was to be used were dismissed as "old colonialism at its ugliest".

Infant mortality has tre-bled and 30 per cent of children are estimated to be undernourished. Yet to boost the anti-sanctions campaign. government agents have been threatening people with arrest if they accept foreign food assistance.

Iraq has become an Alice in Wonderland state where official accounts belie the facts and the cult of personality around Saddam dominates. Thousands of 10ft portraits of him have been repaired and those people suspected of joining in the failed March uprisings have been tortured and executed. Some Shia Muslims were killed by being ignited after being forced to drink petrol while others were made to lick their blood off prison walls.

Baghdad watchers believe that Saddam's survival depends on whether sanctions or the resilient Iraqi economy collapse first. "At present, the best hope of getting rid of him is for his own Sunni Muslim elite to turn against him in disillusion or out of discomfort," said a Western official.

Saddam's position has been strengthened by the unexpected speed of postwar re-construction and by his brinkmanship with the outside world over Iraq's nuclear programme which has boosted his image as a leader able to withstand attack by the against an Arab country.









Words of war: Gulf players courting literary fame include, from top, left to right, General Norman Schwarzkopf, General Colin Powell, Brigadier Patrick Cordingley. Sir Peter de la Billière, Stuart Lockwood and John Simpson, BBC foreign editor

Men of letters troop out of military ranks

The commanders who made history have now turned to writing it. Jamie Dettmer reports on the emergence of a top-brass literati

JOHN Wayne would have been proud to end one of his films with the Hollywood flourish managed by General "Stormin" Norman Schwarzkopf as he concluded his final public appearance in America on returning from the Gulf war. As the television cameras rolled, the general

turned to his son saying,
"Let's go fishing, Christian."
"The bear", as General
Schwarzkopf is nicknamed. then walked off proclaiming that all he wanted to do was fish, walk the dog and spend time with his children. The rest, as they say, is history. In the general's case it is also writing history. On his retirement from the army last sum-mer after 35 years' service, General Schwarzkopf signed a \$5 million (E2.7 million) deal with Bantam Books for

an autobiography.

A national idol on a par with the second world war heroes Dwight Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur, General Schwarzkopi was immediately being tipped as a future American president. However, he has shown little inclination for a political career, but as some commentators have pointed out, Eisenhower waited seven years after leaving the army before

running for the presidency. General Schwarzkopf is currently working on his book and has joined the profitable American lecture circuit, making speeches at \$50,000 a time on the lessons of war and the can-do attitude. Clearly, he sometimes finds civilian life a problem.

Last autumn he was quoted as saying: "Seven months ago, I could give a single command and 541,000 people would immediately obey it. Today, I can't get a plumber to come to my house." But whether the trials and tribulations of civvy street will propel him to pursue power in the White House remains to be seen.

Other leading military figures in the war have turned to the publishing world. Sir Peter de la Billière, the commander of British forces in the Gulf who was promoted m lieutenant-general to full general in the autumn, is Baghdad.

A sum of at least £100,000 is being talked about.

Sir Peter, who retires from the army in June, is now a special adviser on Middle East affairs to Tom King, the defence secretary. The general's name has been the latest to be raised in Whitehall discussions about who should succeed Sir David Wilson in Hong Kong as the last governor in the run-up to the colony being handed over to China. Sir David is due to retire at the same time as Sir Peter leaves the army.

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Brigadier Patrick Cordingley, who commanded the 7th Armoured Brigade, nicknamed the Desert Rats, in the Gulf and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for his courageous leadership, is now head of the Comoined Armed Services Training Centre. Soon after returning from the conflict he said: "I am much richer for the experience and whatever else happens to me. I shall never lose the feeling of having completed a job in the best possible way.

General Colin Powell is another American Gulf celebrity being tipped to enter politics. Last May, he was reappointed for a second twoyear term as chairman of the US joint chiefs of staff, quelling speculation that he might replace Dan Quayle as President Bush's running-mate in the 1992 elections. There has also been speculation that he might in the future run for the Democrats.

Stuart Lockwood, the little boy who was held with his family by the Iraqis after the invasion of Kuwait and seen worldwide on television being patted on the head by President Saddam Hussein, became a celebrity for a while. helped to launch an exercise programme for children. Ironically, the programme was designed to encourage children to watch less tel-evision. His mother published a book in the summer entitled The Diary of a Human Shield which describes what the family went through while being held hostage

Victory rings hollow for US electorate

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

In Kansas this week President Bush rebuked the "prophets of doom" and "frantic politicians" who portrayed America as a nation in decline. The Gulf war had established America as the undisputed leader of the world, he said. "Go anywhere in the world and you will see the respect in which we are

The frantic politician now is Mr Bush, whose popularity has plummet-ted to the lowest level of his presidency. Desperate to stop the haemorrhage, he is seizing every opportunity to evoke the Gulf war victory, But a year to the day after he ordered the start of the air offensive, it is far from clear that his finest moment remains such an electorally

Had Mr Bush not challenged Saddam's aggression Iraq could by now be a nuclear power. Kuwait would still be occupied and Saudi Arabia imperilled. World oil prices would have soared to lev-

els dictated by Iraq. But it is the president's misfortune that voters pay more heed to what is most immediately apparent, namely that the Iraqi dictator remains defiantly in power, starving the Kurds and Shia Muslims, and that military prowess abroad does not solve eco-

nomic distress at home. The yellow ribbons and victory parades are distant memories. Last spring's brief spell of national euphoria and self-confidence was quickly subsumed by the recessionary gloom Mr Bush hoped the war would banish.

Polls show 82 per cent of Americans believe that Mr Bush did not finish the job. The 80 per cent who thought last March that the war was worth fighting has shrunk to less than 60 per cent. Those happy with the way things are going in America have slumped from a postwar high of 66 per cent to a ten-year low of 24

per cent. in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, neither Tom Harkin of Iowa nor Bob Kerrey of Nebraska are yet suffering for their Senate votes against the war. Pat Buchanan, one of the war's most ourspoken crit- programmes was necics, is closing on Mr Bush essary, he added.





Bush: forlorn search for anti-Saddam coup

in New Hampshire's Republican primary. Had he run, Mario Cuomo said that his riposte to presidential triumphalism would have been to "show pictures of Saddam Hussein reviewing his troops and say 'Congratulations,

George'."
Media commentary surrounding the first anniversary has been less than gushing. The latest Newsweek argues that Mr Bush let Saddam off the hook by ending the war prematurely.

George Will, in The called with derision that "a largely rented coalition of allies smashed a nation with the GNP of Ken-tucky". US News and World Report claims that Saddam still has the ingredients for a nuclear bomb.

• Missile charge: President Bush has accused Iraq of concealing large numbers of ballistic missiles and continuing to obstruct international searches for its weapons of mass destruction.

In a report to Congress, he said thet 62 ballistic missiles. 18 launch pads, 33 missile warheads and 127 missile storage racks had been destroyed, but Iraq was co-operating only with inspections of sites it had already declared.

"Iraq continues to possess large numbers of undeclared ballistic missiles," he said. Iraq might still be building its own short-range Scud missiles. Further investigation of iraq's nuclear weapons

Conflict forced West to rethink alliance strategy By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

OPERATION Desert Storm. launched shortly before midnight on the night of January 16-17 a year ago, came at a significant time for Nato. Deprived of a monolithic enemy in the shape of the Soviet Union and its old Warsaw Pact allies, the unexpected Iraqi aggression proved that the Western alliance had to face up to new challenges from any direction.

The Gulf coalition force

was UN-sponsored, but for Nato the principal lesson was that future strategy would have to be based on the threat to Western interests posed by well-armed, unpredictable regimes such as Iraq. Alliance doctrine based solely on the maintenance of peace in Europe would no longer be credible.

The concept of "out-of-area" has become outdated. As the civil war in Yugoslavia demonstrated, out-of-area conflicts can be uncomfortably close to home and the alliance cannot ignore the consequences of conflicts arising outside the traditional Nato boundaries. The success of Operation Desert Storm was due, in part, to the familiarity which existed between America, Britain and other

Nato members. The coalition

developed into an extraordi-

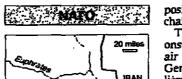
nary hybrid, but the core of the fighting force was Nato.

The ending of the Cold War had already forced Western governments to begin converting their armed forces into flexible, rapidly deployable units. The Gulf war confirmed that this was the right approach but it also served as a warning that out-of-area intervention may require the dispatching of all Cold War armoury. For Iraq was de-

launch rocket systems, and B52 bombers. Lessons from the battlefield were crucial. Standard operating procedures practised on

feated, among other things,

by 60-tonne tanks, multiple





the plains of Germany proved invaluable in Kuwait and Iraq; command and control arrangements, fine-tuned to accommodate Western and Muslim forces, worked effectively; and advanced technological weapon systems, such as the F117A stealth fighter and the Tomahawk cruise missile, proved themselves beyond expectation.

In many ways, however, the war was unique. The coalition had the use of some of the most modern ports and airfields in the world, the troops had live months to prepare for battle, and during the work-up period the Iraqis remained in static defensive positions without offering any challenge.

The war dramatically demonstrated the effectiveness of air power. As Lieutenant-General Sir Peter de la Billière, commander of the British forces, said: "It put paid to the old military doctrine which states that a three-toone superiority in numbers of ground troops is required to launch a successful attack against a well-defended enemy.'

The success of the Patriot missile against the Iraqi ballistic Scuds provided one of the biggest lessons. Antiballistic missile systems will become the most sought-after weapons in the West, giving reason enough for developing or purchasing appropriate

A lasting impression was the size of the Iraqi military machine. Saddam had been engaged in the biggest arms build-up in the Middle East for years, helped by American and European companies, yet the West turned a blind eye. If there is to be greater stability in the region, arms control and disarmament are

Amman and Palestinians pay price of isolation

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

A YEAR after the launch of Operation Desert Storm, Jordan and the Palestinians are still paying a swingeing economic price for their pro-Iraqi stand. But King Husain of Jordan is firmly back in the Western camp and again in the running for American military and economic aid. The oil-rich Gulf states led

by Saudi Arabia remain reseniful of those Arabs who did not join the coalition against President Saddam Hussein, leaving many rifts inside the 21-member Arab League. Yet their trust in Egypt and Syria, which did join, has not proved sufficient to allow Arab troops to provide a new Gulf security network, as envisaged in the near-defunct Damascus declaration of March.

The anti-Bush demonstrators who used to gather outside the heavily fortified American embassy in Jordan have been replaced by long queues of visa applicants who begin to gather at dawn. Opposite the wall where they sit. Uncle Sam's Restaurant has reverted to its old name. changed during the Gulf confrontation.



Husain: has shaved off

his Islamic-style beard Out of political and economic necessity, the forest of posters showing Saddam side by side with the Jordanian monarch have been removed from walls and windows, as have those of the two exchanging an AK47 rifle. The emphasis for Jordan now is to try to mend the many broken fences in the Arab world King Husain, who feels his position was misunderstood. has shaved off the Islamicstyle beard he sported during the conflict and again be-come the cornerstone of American policy in the Middle East notably the peace talks which began in Madrid last October. The economic woes which

have been caused by the cut in Saudi aid of \$300 million (£166 million) a year have been magnified by the plight of the 300,000 Palestinians forced out of Kuwait who have now settled in Jordan. many without the prospect of work or housing. United Nations studies estimate that the tiny desert kingdom will need \$3.1 billion (£1.7 billion) in the next three years to absorb

King Husain wants the fate of the 300,000 raised during the third round of the Middle East peace process, the multilateral talks attended by the foreign ministers of 15 na-tions that are due to open in Moscow on January 28, Kuwait has shown no willingness to have the Palestinians back and is threatening to expel more.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation was also crippled financially by the cut in funds from former backers in the Gulf. Yassir Arafat, its chairman, whose standing among Palestinians has slumped, was forced to accept largely Israeli-dictated terms for the peace talks which exploded the presence of the organisation, avoided the question of Jerusalem, and raised the prospect of limited Palestinian autonomy in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip which was rejected by the PLO 11 years ago.

In the squalid Baqaa camp near Amman where more than 100,000 of the selfstyled "forgotten Palestinians" live, portraits of the Iraqi president still dominate. "Saddam is our hero as much today because he hurt Israel," one teenager said. "Maybe in ten years or less, another Saddam will come, this time with nuclear bombs on his

Awaiting Armageddon at the al-Rashid

WE HAD watched a defiant demonstration by Iraqi schoolchildren vowing to sacrifice their lives for the glory of the Baath movement and heard the puppet parliament unanimously support Saddam's decision to defeat the allies.

Iraqi officials spoke glibly about the Iraqi army's ability to resist attack. But as the crowded highways out of the city showed. tragis were voting with

their feet. For those of us who remained behind there were of Baghdad. many disturbing sights

Richard Beeston recalls the night a year ago when, in Baghdad, he witnessed the start of the allied bombing campaign

that week, beginning with the departure of the United Nations secretary-general, Perez de Cuellar, after a fruitless last mediation attempt. Western diplomatic compounds were ominously deserted and there was a scramble by colleagues for seats on the last flight out

At the al-Rashid hotel, caused by a 2,000-lb pene-

the journalists' home for the duration of the war, the expectations of covering possibly the most important event of our careers was largely overshadowed by increasingly dire predictions. The talk was not of Pulitzer prizes but the effects of B52 carpet bombing and the destruction

tration bomb dropped into a shelter. There was also the uncomfortable thought of becoming one of Saddam's "special guests". However, the build-up to

Armageddon was such that when the attack happened. the event was midly disappointing. Allied bombs hit specific targets with almost pinpoint accuracy, most correspondents spent the night trapped in an underground shelter unable to report home, and those who had sought comfort in the bottle slept blissfully

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Belgrade claims Yugoslavia still exists as Community recognises independence of northern rebel regions

EC decision **bolsters** German prestige

YESTERDAY's recognition of Croatia and Slovenia by all 12 European Community members is a German victory of considerable long-term sig-nificance, both for the EC and for German influence in Eastern Europe. The decision comes despite

strong reservations in some countries, especially Britain and France, and against the earlier advice of the United Nations and Lord Carrington, the chairman of the EC peace conference. Bonn, however, insists that the move has surge in fighting, and that the Community now believes that enough changes have occurred since the German deci-sion to enable them to The German decision last

month put the biggest strain on European political co-operation for years, and threatened to strangle at birth the Maastricht treaty provisions for a common EC foreign policy. At a heated meeting on December 16, EC foreign ministers, realising that Bonn was ready to go it alone, decided therefore to follow suit under certain conditions.

Under pressure from its partners, Bonn agreed to postpone implementation of its decision for a month. The Community then stepped up efforts to establish a durable ceasefire and speed up the involvement of the United Nations, as well as specifying to Croatia and Slovenia the criteria for recognition and pushing for compliance.

A key instrument was the arbitration panel set up in August to help the peace conference and look at the constitutional issues posed by the



Milosevic: EC cannot abolish Yugoslavia

dissolution of Yugoslavia. It comprised five judges, chaired by Robert Badinter of France, who were asked by foreign ministers last month to report on the extent to which the two republics were ready to guarantee the rights of minorities and implement human rights agreements.

M Badinter is the highorofile chairman of France's constitutional court, a friend of President Mitterrand and a man who played a key part in the abolition of the guillotine II years ago. His first minister in M Minerrand's first government in 1981. The other panel members are a Spaniard, a Belgian, a Ger-man and an Italian. Their investigation ended with a meeting in Paris last weekend where they drew up their findings, reported to EC foreign

ministers on Tuesday.

None ever visited Yugoslavia, to the annoyance of the
Serbian leadership. "No one
can abolish Yugoslavia from Slobodan outside." Milosevic, the Serbian leader, said after last week's session of the peace conference in Brussels. The panel, however. rejected criticism that it was too academic. "We are asked this question all the time: why haven't you been to Yugoslavia? It is stupid. We are not here to count bodies: we are here to examine laws." a

spokesman said. The panel met briefly in The Hague, the peace conference's first home, but for the most part the five judges have worked privately, gathering from time to time in Paris. M Badinter's only meeting with EC foreign ministers was in Brussels on December 16.

The arbitration team's work is not over. M Badinter has only given Slovenia a clean bill of health; minority rights questions still hang over Croatia's move to nationhood, and the report attaches conditions to Bosnia-Herzegovina's and Macedonia's inlependence hopes that have yet to be realised.

Britain referred specifically to these conditions in a statement yesterday. "We expect swift action by the government of Croatia to remedy the deficiencies pointed up in M Badinter's report," the Foreign Office said. It noted that although Bosnia and Macedonia had made "good cases Buran wished to defer the issue for further consideration.

The main obstacle to Macedonia's acceptance by the EC is Greece, which obcts to the use of the name, historically associated with Greece and also the name of a northern Greek province. Athens fears an independent Macdenonia would make territorial claims on Greece. Talks between the two broke down this month.

Britain and several other EC members fear that recognition of Bosnia would provoke the Serbian minority into calling for unity with Serbia, which might provoke clashes with the Muslims and

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Economy drive: a man filling the boot of his car with cobs of corn from an untended field outside the Croatian town of Vinkovei yesterday. The Yugoslav war has caused havoc for agriculture and food supplies in the rebel republic

Croats jump psychological hurdle to win nationhood

Anne McElvoy in Zagreb savours the Croatian mood, but says that high expectations of outside help may hinder the reconstruction of a shattered land

WITH the achievement of EC recognition. Croatia yesterday reached the goal of its more than eight centuries of existence. President Tudiman, who led his country into war with the Serb-led federal army to gain autonomy from Yugoslavia, has also achieved his consuming ambition of entering the annals of the country's history as the father of independence.

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But the circumstances of recognition, after a destructive war costing 7,000 lives, an estimated \$18.7 billion (£10.3 billion) and a third of diplomatic victory over Serbia a pyrrhic edge. The republic of 4.3 million people has a shattered economy, destroyed towns and 650,000 refugees from captured areas awaiting resettlement.

EC recognition is applied to Croatia's borders as finalised after the war by Marshal Tito. But this does not correspond with what the country actually controls after the army's destructive advance to within 35 miles of Zagreb. Even if a United Nations peacekeeping force takes the army's place, the newly independent Croatia as it will appear on the map and Croatia as it exists for the purpose of administration are two different things.

Recognition from Western Europe is nevertheless of the utmost psychological importance for a nation which has

at the door of mainstream European culture, orienting itself towards Germany. Italy and Austria. Zvonimir Separovic, Croatia's foreign minister, said yesterday: "There are three groups of countries: those such as Germany, Austria and Italy which are on our side; those who oppose us, such as China and the non-



third group of those countries who are not interested in what is happening here." The practical benefits of

recognition remain unclear. Croatia has made no secret of the fact that it expects recognition to open the door to arms and funding and that it believes that Germany, its prime defender in the EC, will provide for its reconstruction. But it would not be the first time that Croatia had deceived itself with high expectations and an exaggerated notion of the degree of commitment in the West. Asthe fighting escalated in the autumn, there was incompre-hending disbelief at the realisation that Europe would not rush to its aid. President Tudjman now

appears to have equally high expectation of the effect of UN peace keepers whose pre-sence, he said this week, would help the country regain its lost territory otherwise the Croatian people would "fight to liberate the whole of their land." The government is characterised by a combination of inward-looking nationalism and a desire the join the Western democratic camp and share in its prosperity. It is a combination which has lead to insensitivities such as the adoption of the chequerboard flag, widely ociated with the wartime Ustasha regime.

Early mistakes and subsequent stubborness gave rise to mitments to minority rights for its 12 per cent Serb population. There was initial reluctance to guarantee Serb rights and heavy handed tactics in ethnically sensitive areas such as the disastrous attempt last summer by Croatian police to take over the police station in Borovo Selo leading to the first federal

army intervention.

Independent Croatia will also have to learn to cope with the legacy of its last attempts at independence: the disastrous interlude of Ante Pavelic's Nazi-backed state from 1941-45. President Tudjman must steer a course between building a stable democracy and satisfying the deep seated desire to regain lost land while also avoiding being drawn into the ethnic conflict simmering in neighbouring Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Republic poised to exploit riches

Despite Slovenia's optimism, the region on the "sunny side of the Alps" may not be wealthy enough to flourish outside. the federation, Roger Boyes writes

SLOVENIA, the mountain republic that calls itself the "sunny side of the Alps" was the richest region in what used to be Yugoslavia. But whether it is wealthy or versatile enough to flourish outside the Yugoslav federation is a matter of doubt.

The sloping roofs and white painted houses, the clean, or-derly streets, the cafe houses of Ljubljana, the frequent steeples of Roman Catholic churches and the bright folk costumes worn by villagers on Sundays are all echoes of the Habsburg past, and an indication that the future is seen in terms of close economic ties with Austria.

Milan Kucan, the Slovene president, said in his new vear address that Slovenia would keep all of its frontiers open, that is, it will also try to maintain a relationship with what is left of Yugoslavia. But the most any Slovene politi-cian will settle for is a "free trade zone" in the Yugoslav territory and bilateral economic agreements with Croatia, Macedonia and other

republics. The Slovenes say that they lost \$15 million (£8.3 million) a month as a result of Westem sanctions against Yugoslavia and that the war is still crippling its economy. Adria Airlines, the national carrier. has been unable to function because the Yugoslav army controls the airspace. The underlying economic

statistics are quite encouraging, however. Even after taking over its share of the Yugoslav debt — \$2.4 billion out of \$16 billion - its debtto-exports ratio compares favourably to Czechoslovakia's, Hungary's and Poland's. Slovenia's hard currency exports amount to about \$4 billion a year.

The population of two million is highly educated, communications are good and there are no minority prob-lems to upset the political balance Moreover, unlike Croatia, Slovenia is already functioning as an independent state it has issued passports, has printed its own currency and is in control of its borders.

The problem is how to reform its economic system while at the same time scrambling for new export markets. Over 45 per cent of its workforce is employed in industry and mining - compared with 36 per cent in Germany - and many staterun factories, although relatively efficient in Yugoslav terms, are lagging well be-hind by world competitive standards.

Arguments over how to solve the problem have shattered the Demos coalition government that essentially was an anti-communist alli ance like Poland's Solidarity. The government is now dominated by the Christian Democrats and Smallholders.

Serbs attack Europe policy

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN THE RETERADE

BELGRADE reacted angrily Community and other countries recognised the indepen-dence of Croatia and

Serbian government insisted that Yugoslavia still existed, and Vladislav Jovanovic, the Serbian foreign minister, accused the EC of encouraging the break-up of the country Mr Jovanovic said that, by setting such a "serious reaping a whirlwind. "The consequences could be fatal," he said. "The effects of this will be seen in other multina-

tional states. Serbian leaders reacted with joy to the fact that the EC had refrained from recognising the ethnically mixed republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, but cautious muslim and Croatian leaders said they still expected full recog-nition "very soon".

The situation in the south-ern republic of Macedonia remained unclear as several states declared their intent to recognise it but none actually did so. The republic of Serbia states that, in 73 years of its history, Yugoslavia has changed its name, its territo-ry and its political and eco-nomic set-up," read the statement issued in Belgrade. But the country had nevertheless always remained recognised internationally as the common state of the nations living in it.

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The Serb-dominated federal presidency which used to gather representatives from all six republics is set to meet announce to consider its position. Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, gave no reaction yesterday to developments and it is thought he may reserve judgment until after consulting Constan-tine Mitsotakis, the Greek prime minister, in Athens today. Greece has been Serbia's only ally and advocate within

mains of the federal government of Yugoslavia also declared that they still existed. Milivoje Maksic, the deputy foreign minister, said: "We have reason to be offended by the arrogant behaviour of European institutions and their representatives, but this still does not give us the right to slam the door on Europe and to condemn ourselves to being a European province." The Yugoslav federal government no longer has a prime minister or foreign minister. It has also been without a president since the resignation of Stipe

Mesic, a Croat, last October. If Yugoslavia still exists. its frontiers are uncertain. The EC countries have recognised Croatia's existing borders, but Zagreb does not control one third of the republic's territory.

Hecklers mar visit by Yeltsin

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

THE disgruntled people of St Petersburg turned out yesterday to air their complaints when Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, arrived in their city on the last leg of a five-region tour. Taxi drivers and ambulancemen were reported to have staged token strikes to protest against high

food prices and poor supplies. On his first stop, the city's huge port, he was met with banners saying. "Boris, you are wrong again" — a reference to the accusation coined by his old adversary. Yegor Ligachev. The Ligachev refer-

GEORGE Blake, the Brit-

ish spy, came out of the

Russian cold yesterday and

into the television lights of

the foreign press centre for

his first public perfor-

mance in a quarter century

Blake, with a neat beard

and moustache, and

dressed in a very English

tweed jacket and tie, told

his audience he believed

and still believes passion-

ately in communism, but

no longer in people's abili-

ty to achieve it. "I believe

and still believe that com-

munist society is the most

just and best society that

of Moscow residence.

ence, however, also showed the origin of the complaints: the remains of the old - but still just functioning - power

Later in the day, Mr Yeltsin was reproached by crowds as he visited shops and a market. A theme of the Russian president's visit was his condemnation of unjustified price increases following the January 2 liberalisation. "Privatisation and free prices." he said, "have led to uncontrollamitted intentionally, to

Blake comes out of the cold

By Mary Dejevsky

can be on this earth. But,

of course. I cannot but see

that this experiment

For the curious, he said

he had no intention of re-

turning to England to con-

tinue his 42-year sentence

where he left off in 1966.

His world in Russia ap-

peared to have been little

affected by the fall of the

Communist party and the collapse of the Soviet

Union. He continued to re-

fer, untroubled, to things

Blake said that he was

employed at one of Mos-

cow's leading research in-

failed."

provoke people." One woman who objected, asked: "But what are we going to eat?" Mr Yeltsin replied sardonically: You can slice me up, but that

won't last you for long." From Kiev came reports that President Kravchuk of Ukraine was planning a farreaching reshuffle that could cost the head of the republic's bank, among others, his job. Mr Kravchuk is reportedly worried about the impact on living standards after the introduction of coupons to replace roubles. One of the possible candidates for pro-

stitutes, where he works as

a Middle East analyst. He

admitted also to a little

freelancing for the Soviet

intelligence services, in a

consultative capacity, as

Asked where his national

loyalties now lay, he said they were all "biological"

- to Holland. (his mother

was Dutch). to Jews (his

father was a Jewj, to Eng-

land, which gave him his first wife and family and to

Russia, where he has a

Russian wife and son. He

ruled out questions about

his family - either of them

and when they ask.

motion, Volodymir Grinev, a deputy chairman of the republic's parliament, told reporters yesterday that many in the present government were incapable of radical reform, but "there are some people who could do the job".

An unconfirmed report in Moscow said that the heads of all 11 Commonwealth of Independent States would meet today in the Russian capital. Originally, only the leaders of the four nuclear republics had been expected for a meeting on security. New haven: Zviad Gam-

sakhurdia, the ousted Georgian president, left the Armenian town of Idzhevan yesterday, apparently for a haven elsewhere in the Caucasus, an Armenian interior ministry spokesman said. Mr Gamsakhurdia had been in Idzhevan for nine days, since fleeing Georgia after months of unrest.

The spokesman said he had apparently left for the town of Grozny, under the control of Dzhokhar Dudayev, a longtime ally and separatist who has been backed by Mr Gamsakhurdia in a bid for independence from Russia.

Mr Dudayev is seeking independence for the Chechen part of the strife-torn Checheno-Ingushetia autonomous region on the northwestern shore of the Caspian Sea, the Ingush half of which wishes to remain part of Russian territory, (Reuter)



Follow that cab: St Petersburg taxi drivers protesting yesterday against steep fare rises

Elgin marbles set to stay in London

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission yesterday unveiled its longawaited proposals on the restitution of stolen treasures in the EC, and the news for the British Museum is good. It looks as if the Elgin marbles will go back to Greece only if Britain volunteers to send

The proposals look certain to satisfy governments on both sides of the Community's cultural divide: those of the southern member states, which feared that the open borders of the single market would be an invitation to rich and unscrupulous dealers from northern Europe to pillage their treasures, and those of the northern member states which feared the southem countries would twist new EC rules and demand the mass restitution of the many classical and Renaissance treasures in their museums.

But yesterday the Commission made clear that any treasures that have been out of a country for more than 30 years cannot be claimed back; nor can they be reclaimed if they have been missing for only five years but the country concerned knew of their whereabours and did nothing about it.

If these rules are approved by arts and culture ministers, the Elgin marbles, taken from the Parthenon by the

Earl of Elgin. Thomas Bruce, early in the last century, are set to stay in London. "The only way Greece will get them back is if the government decides to return them voluntarily." a Commission official said yesterday.

However, for disputed treasures that are taken across EC borders from next year, restitution by tribunal will be possible. The Commission, in consultation with govern-ments and art authorities. has compiled categories of national treasures and threshold values that could enable new arts tribunals to force dealers to send, goods back and seek reimbursement from host governments. Art dealers say that it is difficult to assess the potential impact of the Commission's list and proposals, but Setheby's suggested that some British masterpieces lost in the past could not have slipped through the net had

Baron von Thyssen, for example, did well to buy Constable's 1824 painting The Lock in November, 1990 before the new rules were in place. In future, a British arts tribunal could order the baron to return the painting. with the government told to reimburse him for the £10.78 million he spent on it.

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Poll blow for beleaguered Bush

'Freefall' economy traps president

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ting that he faces a big problem in next month's New Hampshire primary, heard yesterday firsthand about the "freefall" local economy that is threatening his re-election

campaign. A morning meeting with business leaders, held in a drafty hangar at Pease airforce base, near Portsmouth, New Hampshire, produced a torrent of criticism of administration policy, ranging from over-regulation of local banks to the lack of a national industrial strategy.

On the day when opinion polls indicated that only 35 per cent of Américan voters want Mr Bush to be re-elected to the White House, the president did not mention his main challenger, Patrick Bu-chanan, the "America First" Republican. But he attacked the silent voices of right-wing extremists and accused his political opponents of making outrageous attacks on his

The new poll — a joint survey by Repulican and Democratic polling organ-isations — indicated that 46 per cent of Americans wanted new occupant in the White House next year. Mr Bush, struggling for support, called for an economic crusade in the same spirit as that of the war against Iraq which Mr Buchanan, as the Bush campaign chairman reminded the crowd, had opposed. Dis-

PRESIDENT Bush, admit- avowing quick-fix solutions. the president promised that recovery would come: .

According to Mr Buchanan, who has been storming through the state for six weeks, the cause of New Hampshire's economic collapse is the "breach of faith" by Mr Bush in raising taxes.
He challenged Mr Bush to sign again the "no new taxes" pledge that he took in 1988 when victory in the New Hampshire primary turned the tide for his then failing presidential campaign. The president said that he took his pledge when he took his oath

of office three years ago. Mr Bush, who is now only 16 points ahead of Mr Buchanan among Republicans, began his day in defensive mood, praising his recent, much mocked, trip to Japan whose reception seems still to be uppermost in his mind. Although the business leaders at the airforce base had been carefully selected by local campaign managers, they gave the president a grim picture of a bleeding economy in freefall", with collapsing property values and modern offices that cannot be leased

at any price. The state that holds the nation's first primary election and has a disproportionate impact upon all American presidential elections had lost 50,000 jobs in the past three years, Mr Bush was told. Fifteen thousand more would be

gone, the industrialists said, by the time of the next presi-

dential inauguration.
The president, looking fit but tense, made his ritual attack on the Democrat-controlled Congress for "stiffing" his economic growth plans. Raising his voice in anger several times, he insisted that his proposed capital gains tax cut was "not a tax cut for the tich" but would benefit the small firms that produced

Speaking before a makeshift backdrop of a helicopter and a Cessna light aircraft. Mr Bush said that he accepted his share of the blame for the economic downturn. He criticised the "go-go excesses" of the Eighties and promised sceptical company executives that his office would investigate complaints about banks refuctant to lend. He said that he would like to see the Federal Reserve reduce interest rates further.

Hollow victory, page 7



Street walking: a group of 200 prostitutes and demonstrators converging on the steps of Melbourne's supreme court yesterday to protest against a recent ruling that prostitutes suffer

than other women. Newspapers have been swamped with letters from prostitutes, middle-class Australians and the legal fraternity, expressing anger and dismay at the December 12 ruling in which a rapist was given a 30-

month jail sentence for raping a prostitute. The president of the Australian law reform commission. Justice Elizabeth Evatt, has vowed to raise the ruling at the United Nations Sex slave families protest

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

ON THE eve of a trip to South Korea by Kiichi Miyazawa, Japan's prime minister. hundreds of Koreans staged a violent rally outside the Japanese embassy in Seoul yesterday. The stone-throwing marchers were protesting at Japan's refusal to grant compensation to the families of up to 200,000 Korean women forced to act as prostitutes for Japanese soldiers in the sec-

ond world war. Known as "comfort women", these slaves ranged in age from pre-teens to 70-yearolds, and were part of what the government has termed "logistical support" for the military. Under orders from the Japanese government, they were attached to military units, where they were used by hundreds of soldiers.

A telephone hot line. opened by human rights groups on Tuesday, has attracted hundreds of calls from former army members. Their confessions have thrown new light on Japanese brutality during the occupation of Korea.

Algeria council rebuffed

Algiers: The Muslim fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front in Algeria yesterday condemned as unconstitutional the creation of a "council of state" to rule the country and claimed security forces have rounded up scores of suspected government oppo-

nents (John Phillips writes). The authorities still have not given a clear timetable for new five-man presidential college, which has a mandate that can extend to the end of

next year if necessary. Mohammad Boudiaf, the veteran independence fighter who is president of the council of state, is expected to arrive in Algiers today from exile in Morocco.

'Ivan' evidence

Jerusalem: The appeal hearing on John Demjanjuk, sentenced to death for the wartime murder of Jews, was shown evidence that he was an SS concentration camp guard, but not linked to "Ivan the Terrible", the man he is accused of being.

Interim hope

Johannesburg: South Africa's leaders hope to hold a referendum on power-sharing within six months, and believe a multiracial government is possible this year. Prospects for an interim gov-ernment have grown in talks between the main parties.

Aid disputed

Istanbul: Suleyman Demirel, the Turkish prime minister, has stepped in to defuse a dispute over newspaper accu-sations that Western forces attached to Operation Pro-vide Comfort diverted aid for Iraqi Kurds to Kurdish guerrillas fighting against Turkey.

Toxic wine

Rome: Police in the Veneto region of northern Italy seized four milion litres of wine laced with pesticide. Four wine producers have been arrested; a fifth is still at large. Supermarket customers had reported a "strange taste" and headaches.

Hurd in Delhi

Delhi: Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, arrived in Delhi for talks that are regarded by India as crucial to its hopes of establishing closer ties with the West following the collapse of the Soviet Union, which was its most important ally

Bomb denial

Islamahad: Pakistan denied having a nuclear bomb and said that it was committed to a policy of nuclear non-proliferation. A foreign ministry spokesman rejected a statement by a US senator that Pakistan possessed the out of Yitzhak Shamir's coali-"Islamic bomb". (Reuter)

Talks 'in danger of collapse'

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND PAUL ADAMS IN JERUSALEM

PALESTINIAN negotiators said yesterday that peace talks with Israel were in dan-ger of collapsing after just two days because the Israelis refused even to discuss curtailing settlement activity in the

occupied territories. Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian spokeswoman, said that during an acrimonious meeting late on Tuesday, the two sides had come to a "head-on collision", and that there was a "distinct possibili-ty of the collapse of the negotiations". An Israeli participant admitted that it had been "pretty hot in the room".

James Baker, the US Secretary of State, made a rare

overt intervention, meeting the heads of the Israeli and Arab delegations separately in his office on Tuesday night and yesterday morning in an apparent attempt to move the peace process forward. However, the Israelis were still planning to leave Washing-

ton last night.

Dr Ashrawi said Palestinian negotiators had told the Israelis that halting their settlement activity was essential if the talks were to succeed. The talks were predicated on the principle of land for



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peace. "If they steal all our land, there'll be nothing left to negoriate," she said. The Israelis had replied that "they have the right to the whole land ... They gave the answer that settlement activity would not stop," she said.

An Israeli spokeswoman said the purpose of the present talks was to reach an agreement on interim Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories. The settlement question should be dealt with during the next phase.

The standoff in Washington came as hardliners set-up new Jewish settlements in the Israeli-occupied West Bank yesterday. However, the army moved in and evicted them.

But tension in the region remained high after Tues-day's Palestinian attack on a bus carrying Jewish settlers. Pro-settler parties yesterday were debating whether to pull tion government

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Once plastics start to crack, there is nothing to be done. "It's like trying to revive a dead body." Professor Allen says. But there may be ways of delaying the process. At the Tate, temperature and humidity have been lowered around vulnerable objects to slow.

What will happen in future is even more problematical. Profes-sor Allen believes, because environmental pressures have led-manufacturers to seek more biodegradable plastics. It seems certain that many simple artefacts of the 20th century will turn out to have a much shorter life than anybody realised when they were

slowing the spread of the plant.

Ecological warfare has had suc-

cess in Australia, notably with the

cactoblastis, a beetle imposted to

Reels of historic films are decaying in archives because The fastest way to tell whether decay is happening says Tony Cook the acting head of conservation at the NFA, is to open a can of film and sniff. The human nose can detect acetic acid in quantities as small as one part per million, so films suffering "the vinegar syndrome" can easily be identified. Films that smell are removed and put into temporary storage else-where to try to slow the spread of the disease.

> are sometimes isolated, to prevent Adequate ventilation is important for cellulose nitrate, but celluose acetate should not be so well ventilated because it is vulnerable to plasticiser loss. Dr. Morgan commends a loosely wrapped

the onset of possible decay. Pieces

made. Plastics are not for ever.

A picture of slow death

they are made of plastic. Nigel Hawkes investigates

Jagged edge: an archive frame of an old cellulose nitrate film shows signs of erosion

How plastics decay is now quite

well understood, thanks to work by

Professor Norman Allen and Dr

Michelle Edge at the Centre for

Archival Polymeric Materials at

Manchester Polytechnic. Not all

plastics suffer to the same degree

or in the same way, but among the more vulnerable are the semi-

synthetics cellulose nitrate and

Both are based on a natural

material, cellulose, the main struc-

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Kiss of life from the blood sucker

A leeches are reasserting themselves at the forefront of medical research. With the help of Dr Roy Sawyer, the owner of Biopharm, a Welsh leech farm near Swansea, the leeches are preparing for a new role against heart disease, the Western world's great killer.

Leeches, which live by sucking blood, have powerful anti-coagulants in their saliva to prevent the blood from clotting. Dr Sawyer, a biotechnologist, was convinced that if these anti-coagulants could be isolated, they could save the lives of heart-attack victims.

My first task was to find the right leech because all the 650 species have different anti-coagulants," he says. "Two years ago. I began working with a 12in-long Asian leech. I found that its anticoagulants prevented blood clots re-forming after a stroke or heart

The next problem was producing the anti-coagulants in large enough quantities. Genetic engineering was the obvious anFarmitalia of Milan, a pharm ceutical company, a method of inserting the anti-coagulant gene into the E. Coli bacteria was

Toxicological and pharmacological tests start this year. Dr Sawyer hopes the anti-coagulant, called Bufrudin, will start clinical

trials in Italy by Christmas. Bufrudin is one of three leech products that Dr Sawyer is developing. Hementin, an anticoagulant produced by a leech from the Amazon, can dissolve blood clots, including the 20 to 30 per cent of platelet-rich clots that cannot be dissolved by any exist-

Dr Sawyer is discussing this product with other pharma-ceutical companies. He hopes that Hementin can be developed here rather than in Italy. When it reaches the market-place, he hopes Hementin will be given to patients immediately they suffer an attack, then followed for up to a week by Bufrudin to ensure that clots do not re-form.

IOLA SMITH

The Flying Dutchmen

film archives are facing a

problem that will come

as a shock to those who

consider plastics an environmental menace. Littering shopping

centres or lodged in the hedge-

rows, plastic packaging seems to be possessed of eternal life, but

At the Tate Gallery in London,

Derek Pullen, a conservator, is trying to preserve some valuable pieces by Naum Gabo, a Russian-

born sculptor who pioneered the use of plastics in sculpture. Several

of Gabo's smaller pieces have

already decayed beyond repair and the Tate wants to save the rest.

There is an even bigger problem at the National Film Archive

(NFA), where the old cellulose nitrate film stock, dating from the

days of Charlie Chaplin, has become unstable. It was an

unpleasant shock to discover that

modern cellulose acetate stock, to

which many old films have been

transferred, is also decaying. And

some films dating from the mid-

1960s are already sticky and un-

Sylvia Katz, a plastics collector, says the saddest thing is to discov-

er that a prized item has caught

the disease. "One day you might have a very special object, a box or a comb inlaid with diamante," she

says. "A few days later, you find

the first evidence of crazing or

stickiness. Once it has started, you

can never stop it. The worst thing

is that other objects kept nearby

playable, the images lost.

that is an illusion.

HENK BRINK, a Dutchman. will attempt to fly around the world non-stop in a balloon this year. With Willem Hageman, his co-pilot, he will fly in a pressurised capsule at heights of 33,000ft and at speeds of 186mph. The two Dutchmen could be beaten to the record by Larry Newman, an American who plans a round-theworld trip later this month, spon-sored by Richard Branson.

New Ice age?

INCREASED amounts of greenhouse gases could cause a new ice age rather than global warming, according to calculations by Ann de Vernal, of the university of Quebec, and Gifford Miller, of the university of Colorado, writing in

can suffer, too, like 'catching a

Museums and Galleries Commis-

sion has recently published a guide to the conservation of plas-

tics by John Morgan, a scientist

who works at the Rutherford

Appleton Laboratory in Oxford-

shire. The problem could worsen

as more and more records and

documents are stored on floppy

have stored plastic items away

without particular care because

they thought the items indestructi-

He says that many museums

discs made of plastic.

The conservation unit of the

Higher temperatures at the poles could cause more snow to fall, and cloudier summers will reduce the melting rate, leading to the growth of ice sheets. Very similar conditions existed before the last glaciation, they say.

Sweet success

IN a possible treatment for diabetes. American scientists have created human cells able to produce and regulate insulin. Using genet-ic engineering, Dr Christopher Newgard, of the University of Texas, altered cells from the pituitary gland by adding a sugarsensing gene from healthy insulinregulating cells. His idea is to produce cells which can be grown in unlimited quantities and then

transplanted into diabetic patients to perform the function of the cells

Keys to the door

THE average American household will have more computers than children by the year 1999, a Texas marketing firm forecasts. Channel Marketing Corporation estimates there will be an average of 2.2 personal computers in every household, and that notebook computers will be as common in US schools by 1999 as the pocket calculator is now.

Useless weapons

MOST of the nerve gases produced by Iraq were of poor quality and degraded rapidly with time, according to a Dutch scientist. Marius van Zelm, who led the

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that visited the plant where the weapons were made, said they found 75 tonnes of nerve gases, but they decayed so fast that the Iraqis could not build up big

United Nations inspection team

used plastic for 60 years and was

used as film stock until the 1940s.

Cellulose acetate took over from

The basic process of decay, says

Professor Allen, is hydrolysis, in

which moisture from the air starts

a reaction which breaks the chain

linking the polymer together. The plasticiser crystallises, forming a

bloom on the surface, and acetic

acid is released, acting as a cata-

lyst to initiate the decay of neigh-

The process is quickest when the

plastics are stored in steel contain-

nitrate as a film stock.

bouring objects.

Weevils at war

SCIENTISTS have begun releasing a species of Mexican weevil in an attempt to halt the spread of Mimosa pigra, a shrub threat-ening Australia's tropical coastal areas and its famous wildlife park.

Fire, chemicals and machines have failed to defeat the fastgrowing thorny plant, from tropical America, which is invading Australian wetlands, including Kakadu National Park in the Northern Territory. The weevit will eat the mimosa's flowers, reducing seed production and

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wipe out the prickly pear cacus, but it has also had its disasters, notably the introduction of the cane toad to Queensland to attack a cane eating beetle. The toad became a pest.

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Bitish doctors — unlike those in the rest of Europe — have alvays felt that low blood pressure does not need treatment. Now, Ann Kent reports, there is a change of heart

ell a British GP you are tired, and he will probably think "Aren't we all?". In fact, 30 per cent of wome claim that they are always tired as do 20 per cent of men. When symptom is so widespread it vers on normal.

Oter symptoms almost as common and equally likely to make the G's heart sink, are unex-plaint dizziness, tiredness, insomra and depression.

Bulwhile the British GP will

thinkhese problems are caused by uhappiness — a problem which drugs cannot cure — a Blocks from Germany, France, Spainor Italy may take a different view. In these countries the diagnosismay be "hypotensive syn-drom" or, more simply, low blood

Rearch published in last week British Medical Journal has pnfirmed that low blood pressre (hypotension) is associated with dizziness, tiredness, insomma and depression.

In ritain doctors reassure those with w blood pressure that they are liely to live longer than the rest othe population as they are less liely to suffer from cardiovascularlisease, but many Continental disors will offer treatments desiged to raise blood pressure.

Thireatments include digoxin.

which makes the heart work hard; derivatives of ergot to consict blood vessels; the stimulant affeine: increased exercise (slothcan cause low blood pressure) and, as alternative remedies, call iver (which might work becase it contains a blood pressure sising substance, tyramine) and itamin supplements (pana-

ceas ir all ills). Uni now the British medical profesion has regarded this as

overrescribing by foreigners.

Paents are told firmly that whilehigh blood pressure (hypertenson) requires treatment becase of its links with heart diseae, hypotension does not. No the two studies reported in

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the BMJ, involving thousands of intrigued by recent findings to Britons, may cause the medical check the blood pressures of his me BMJ, involving thousands of Britons, may cause the medical profession to qualify its advice. Both studies establish a link between low blood pressure, tiredness and dizziness. The first, by Dr. Simon Wessely, was published in August 1990. The second, published last week, involved more ished last week, involved more than 10,000 people. It confirmed Dr Wessely's work, but also found

'A trial to see if patients might benefit from drug therapy is justified. Two years ago, I would have regarded such a suggestion as rubbish'

an association between low blood pressure and anxiety and depression.

In short, they identify hypotensive syndrome which has previously been dismissed as non existent by English-speaking physicians.

Professor Anthony Mann, the vice dean of the Institute of Psychiatry, believes it is now time that British doctors abandoned their "blinkered" approach to hypotension. He points out that the links between blood pressure and certain neurotic symptoms have been recognised in the past. Nervous exhaustion (neurasthenial, a condition which has now gone out of fashion, was known to be linked with hypotension. The symptoms included loss of energy, insomnia, depression, irritability and reduced concentration. Professor Mann is sufficiently

psychiatry, at King's College Hos-pital, London, and Dr Pilgrim, a lecturer in psychiatric epidemiolo-gy at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, both emphasise that their work shows an association, and does not prove that low blood pressure causes tiredness and (in the case of Dr Pilgrim's study) depression. Alternative explanations include the possibility that depression itself lowers blood pressure, or that some other, as yet unknown factor is causing both low blood pressure and low mood. If cause and effect is proven, however, the drug companies.

psychiatric patients - although this is not a routine part of a

psychiatric examination. But he is worried that some patients taking drugs to reduce high blood pres-sure may be tempted to stop.

Dr Wessely, a senior lecturer in

alternative therapists and vitamin pill manufacturers will be rubbing their hands in glee. Whenever a new condition is identified, the small numbers of afflicted patients are swelled by battalions of the "worried well" who become convinced they are also sufferers. Recent examples include those who genuinely believe themselves to be allergic to the 20th century, or suffering from genital herpes, sick building syndrome and ME. The worried well patient who cannot be reassured be or she is not HIV positive is a well known figure to Aids specialists. For those seeking a label for their ills, unexplained tiredness is an easy

symptom to latch on to. Dr Wessely admits that he was surprised by the results of his research. "I had expected to find that the American teaching was correct, and that the Germans and others were treating psychological symptoms and getting a placebo effect," he says. "Now I think a clinical trial to see if some patients might benefit from drug therapy is justified. Two years ago. 1 would LOW

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Dr Wessely's study linked tired-ness with low blood pressure. Dr Pilgrim, arrived at a similar conclusion, but found that people with low blood pressure were also likely to show symptoms of generalised neurosis, for example feeling low and panicky and being unable to concentrate

Women with the lowest blood pressures were 72 per cent more likely than those with the highest pressures to show symptoms serious enough to justify medical intervention, while men with low blood pressure were 42 per-cent

Dr Pilgrim says: "If hypotensive syndrome really exists, there may well be a sub group of patients who would benefit from treatment." Dr Pilgrim is about to start further

studies to explore the prevalence of low blood pressure among people admitted to psychiatric wards, and on how blood pressure is influenced by changes of mood.

t is already known that emotional changes can alter blood pressure -- some people Lare so frightened of what the doctor will discover about their health that they develop a condi-tion known as "white coat hypertension". Blood pressure also rises when we exercise, or feel stressed, and falls when we sleep.

Dr Pilgrim suggests that biofeedback techniques (connecting patients to a recording instrument which provides them with constant information about the body system) could be used to teach them to raise their blood pressures, without subjecting them to drug treatments which might car-

ry adverse effects.

At present biofeedback is used by those seeking to lower their blood pressures, but Dr Pilgrim believes it is theoretically possible to reverse this process. However, he admits: "I would rather have low blood pressure, and put up with occasional low moods if it increased my longevity."

John Swales, a professor of medicine at Leicester University. agrees. "If I had low blood pressure, the knowledge that I was going to live longer would make up for any feelings of misery. Hypotension is a fascinating. under researched subject. While the link between low blood pressure and increased life expectancy is indisputable, that does not help if the individual patient has

Profesor Swales says the most effective blood pressure raising treatments are amphetamine-like drugs such as ephedrine which constrict blood vessels. However, many doctors think twice before prescribing them for minor symptoms because side effects such as increased anxiety, restlessness and insomnia could outweigh the benefits.

There is an effective, but unglamorous treatment for one of the commonest symptoms of low blood pressure - dizziness when rising from a seated or lying position. This is most likely to affect tall, thin people, adolescents and the elderly and is treated by elastic stockings which increase the venous return of blood to the heart. "Perhaps we will be giving out more of them." Professor Swales suggests.

Backing the lie-detector

DOCORS have been intrigued by headnes suggesting that a machine had been evised which could distinguish the genue backache sufferer from the shirk. The doctor has the almost imposible job of deciding how much physial disability there is, and determining to what extent any physical damge is either enhanced or minimised by the patient's psyche, in particular their ain threshold, determination and any abconscious desire for invalidism

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MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

The machine is made in the United States and marketed in Britain by Fightback UK, which is run by two registered osteopaths, James Kitchen and Dr Hugo Kitchen, who also has a medical qualification.

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instance, increased if the patient is depressed, tired or dispirited. Conversely, it is reduced by excitement and

Unfortunately the machine can only detect and measure muscular dysfunction; it shows that physical trouble is present but cannot determine to what extent this dysfunction may be increased by a low pain threshold, an opinion confirmed by the secretary of Fightback

Even without the Isostation 200, the modern doctor is not entirely denied scientific aids. Advances in scanning. particularly the MRI scanner, can often enable a radiologist to pinpoint the exact spot at which a nerve root is being irritated, and have revolutionised the diagnosis of back pain.

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PHTOGRAPHS of Mr and every question about the Robrt Maxwell's post mode of death answered, has been fostered by detective stories. It seems that Inspector Morse's pathologist only has to view the body to be able to give the precise time of death and its probable cause, suppositions rapidly con-

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and to use the knowledge to determine the treatment of other patients with similar problems. All too often PM findings fail to confirm ward round opinions and expose diagnostic weaknesses, useful reminders to doctors of their

pontificating.

After a sudden death the cause of death at post mortem is often obvious; few could miss the signs of a massive cerebral haemorthage (a stroke), a ruptured aortic aneurysm (a swelling of the arrery wall) or a coronary thrombosis, in which a large ciot can be drawn from a diseased arrery.

But in the many cases of sudden death where there are no suspicious circumstances, a run-of-the-mill post mortem provides invaluable information about a patient's lifestyle and general health - it was reported, for instance, that Maxwell's love of champagne had taken its toll and his liver showed signs of cirrhosis but may fail to isolate the precise cause of death. The final conclusions may well be based as much on the medi-

patient's last moments and on probabilities as on any particular sign.

The post mortems carried out by a Home Office pathologist after a suspicious death are in a different category. They may embrace many disciplines of medical science and require not only skill, imagination, expensise and experience on the part of the pathologist, but the support of teams of scientists working on the patient's organs in the

IMMEDIATELY after Maxwell's death the index of suspicion was too low and the assumption seemed to be that the only question was whether he died before or after hitting the water. Even if this question had been satisfactorily answered others have remained unresolved.

The first post mortem might have been ideally suited to the man who had collapsed while eating his paella on holiday, but in Maxwell's case an examination more akin to that which would have taken place at Guy's or the Royal London cal history, the story of a Hospital was called for.

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Nicholas Mosley, author of Hopeful Monsters, recommends John Updike as a solid guide to world literature

ODD JOBS

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here is an extraordinary passage in this huge collection of John Updike's occasional writings in which he describes how. while reviewing a collection of letters by his friend John Cheever. he comes across a letter in which there is a derogatory reference to himself. Cheever says of him: "I think his magnanimity specious, and his work seems motivated by covetousness, exhibitionism and a stony heart." John Updike quotes this in his review, and goes on to praise Cheever — "a gem of a man, instantly poetic". By this he offers evidence of his magnanimity — and of his aloofness from the envy and bitchery of much of the literary world.

Odd Jobs consists mainly of Updike's book-reviews over the last ten years; there are some literary and autobiographical essays as prologue and postscript. The range is astonishing: anyone

wishing to undertake a guided tour of recent world literature could hardly do better than take up this book. The journey goes

from North and South America to Western and Eastern Europe; to Russia, to Africa, to Saudi Arabia. to Japan. Nearly every writer reviewed is given a sympathetic hearing: the writing is continu-ously elegant and inventive; there are some lovely images and insights. Iris Murdoch's later fictions, albeit luxuriant, are described as "portly": about Kafka "although he did not find God,

he did not blame Him". There is distaste shown at the sense of novels and at the monotony of violence in some South American ones ("the Latin American novelist is in danger of writing whodunits wherein the government, invari-

Updike recognises however that "to become human" one may have to "make the descent into filth"; and he notes, with regard to Russia, that "people will always harken to any system that offers to give suffering a meaning, even at the cost of deepening their suffering". His most unequivocal disapproval is shown towards Umberto Eco and one or two fashionable English novelists who, for all their displays of erudition

offer except boxes of tricks. In his essays on literature, Updike looks back to a golden age

personified by Emerson for whom it seemed a matter of evidence as well as of faith that "nature and our souls are one", and that thus there was a chance for optimism. He quotes with approval a passage from Graham Greene — "After the death of Henry James a disaster overtook the English novel...the religious sense was lost ... and with this religious sense went the importance of the human act." As a result of this, Updike suggests, we are now stuck with novels in which "everything happens as if to tourists who can't shake their jet lag . . . we have lost touch with the why of things, and what is left is fast food for the senses and the humming brain". Again — "if fiction is in decline it is because we have lost faith in the capacity of the individual to venture forth and suffer the con-

sequences of his days, to encounter characters with of choice". We are

confined, that is, within the bubble of so-called post-modernism in which humans seem no longer able even to strike defiant (modernist) attitudes against their fate; there is left to them only (but what a marvel of an image!) "a cartoon cat version of modernism - the cat keeps running even though he has only air underneath him". Updike's strength as a critic is

that he stands against the "politi-cally correct" school of criticism in which aspects of American conservatism are condemned without any acknowledgement that it is just this conservatism that has ensured the freedom of such critics to have a voice. In the battle between the bigoted and the magnanimous it is often true that the bigots have to be allowed to get away with vindictiveness; one sometimes wishes that the sweetly reasonable might answer back with bricks. But the hope of reason has to be that bigotry in the end will be self-defeating; the houses of the envious will collapse like those built on sand.

The house that as a critic John Updike has built seems to me to rest on solid rock, and perhaps in this context there is little more to

context calls pornography: presumably these were aimed at sometimes wishes for a more

something more seems to be required than his erudition and his mellifluous prose: his very comprehensiveness, as John Cheever suggested, might be a curse.

In Roger's Version, for instance a novel that Updike lists here as one of his favourites — his astonishing displays of knowledge concerning both modern science and Christian theology are counterpoised by lengthy passages of what Updike himself in this bringing what might be seen as savage grasping of nettles; but not flights of fantasy down to earth. But there are no connections between the two - between the shots at heaven and indeed what can seem like dirt - so that it is sometimes as if Updike himself, for all his energy and poise, is left suspended in the air like the scrabbling post-modernist cat. It is when a sense of this blows

for long, because there is enough savagery, surely, in the literary world, and there are few, very few, Grand Old Men of Letters. John Updike is one of the best of these. He speaks with authority - even though (or because?) he recognises that authority nowadays depends on just an individual's courage and intelligence and talent.

Civil poet in the service of the state

harles Sisson is a remark-able man. In the forefront, so to speak, there is the writer, author of several books of poetry and criticism, of a novel and of translations of a range of exceedingly substantial works in a variety of languages: Lucretius, The Divine Comedy, The Aeneid. The Song of Roland. Somewhat concealed behind this solid literary career is what might be called his daytime job. For the best part of forty years he was a civil servant in the Ministry of Labour, retiring in the mid-1970s as the director of occupational safety and health arthat ministry's more genially named successor, the Department

of Employment.
Other civil servants have had distinguished literary careers, Trollope for example. But in our age literary civil servants have been

rather lightweight: **ENGLISH** Humbert Wolfe. PERSPECTIVES Charles Johnston. by C. H. Sisson Sisson's singularity Carcanet, £18.95 does not lie in that but in the strikingly unbureau-

writing has been informed.

In the early Thirties, in After Strange Gods, T. S. Eliot proclaimed his adherence to royalism, classicism and Anglicanism. Soon embarrassed by the range and definiteness of that commitment, he never let the book be reprinted. Sisson has remained uncompromisingly loyal to it from 1937, when he wrote a piece (reprinted here) on one of Eliot's fiercer mentors, Charles Maurras, founder of the Action Française, to the present day. Maurras is looked back on,

cratic body of ideas by which his

admiringly, in an essay of 1976.

About half the book is made up of a good part of two previous publications: The Spirit of British Administration and The Case of Walter Bagehot. In the first of these, a mordant comparison of British with French and German bureaucracy, the intensity of his rejection of liberal-democratic orthodoxy is decently veiled. His main point is that keeping the business of government going is the task of the bureaucrass and that the antics of politicians are of marginal importance. The British procedure of letting law grow our of custom is preferred to French rationalism, seen as conducive to obsolescence and corruption.

Bagehot is singled out for vehement assault as the most knowing, complacent and self-serving of disseminators of liberal-democratic ideas, leading on to E. M. Forster's approbation of treachery Keynes's "immoralism".

Bagehot's influential account of the British monarch as terely "dignified" and not "efficiet" is rejected as ignorant and officience.
his Lombard Street as a deve for enhancing the power and passige (and, of course, wealth) of cople like himself, namely bakers, resentful of the status (the traditional authorities.

This is a fine piece of pemic. Bagehor's method, he says "was not to yield to reality but o be clever about it, and to inguiate himself sufficiently to mak sure that he was not left alone. Tere is an affable, matey tone abot his work which has made thorands of mediocrities feel at hom with

Bagehot comes badly magicul out of Sisson's compelling assult. Its contempt for Bagehot's carac-**Anthony Quinton**

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ation, he is a creditably imprtant target to fire at in pursit of Sisson's aim as one of "thoe who have felt impelled to questin the assumptions on which the ublic affairs of their times have been conducted". It is odd that issun has retired to live at Lamport. Bagehot's birthplace and eat of the family bank where he pt his start. The place must vibrat with

On either side of these corparatively accommodating works English Perspectives is madup of twenty-five essays, some oithern very short, but all with substitual content, addressed to thesmall audiences of fairly fgitive periodicals. Here Sisson reaks without reserve about the nessity of the crown as a unifier of the nation and of the monarch place as head of the church in estolishing a fundamental unity of ourch and state, following, with measure of desperation, give the circumstances of the age Coleridge and, at a distance, Hoker. There is a tension between his reverence for the state an his claim that "the aims of gvernment are servicede within and conquest without. From that principle he infers that the pice of liberty is a measure of disorer.

As the sole, perhaps last, crive exponent of Eliot's three leals, Sisson is at once exotic and invigorating: He turns ove the compost-heap of liberal-emo-cratic pieties in fine prose an with 1th admirable disinterestedness

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participants - and leave the untutored reader to decidewhom

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Coup that left doves blushing

The sudden and dramatic demise of the Soviet Union. an event of such daunting magnitude that the present generation of scholars is unlikely to grasp its full implications, has already been cruel to many reputations. As teams of Western specialists sift through recently available Soviet archives, further revelations about the nature of the Soviet Union and its political class are likely to heap yet more embarrassment upon those who got it wrong.

The Soviet collapse is proving no less cruel to publishers. Supplying a most imprudent hostage to fortune the publishers of the present volume declare: "Whatever the outcome of the present constitutional reforms, the Soviet Union will remain a military superpower with global interests. If this is the best reason for buying this book there are unlikely to be many purchases. For the introduction of these reforms led to the failed August putsch, as a result of which the Soviet Union can no longer be said to possess any interests, for the obvious reason that it no longer exists.

It is, of course, true that given its size, power, its economic potential and the nuclear legacy which it has been bequeathed. Russia is likely to return to the world stage as a key player. If so its interests, including security, will not be identical to the imperial power which preceded it.

To doubt the wisdom of publishing the book in its present form is not to deny the historical importance of the subject. The Soviet Union emphatically did achieve its ambition to be a superpower, but it did so in a military sense only. The overriding priority that successive leaders, including Gorbachev, gave to military expenditure, in marked contrast to the hedonistic West, along with the influences which shaped Soviet military thinking, are thus

likely to be of enduring interest. Since August's botched coup Boris Yeltsin has thrown open the files of the Central Committee to Western scholars. Following German reunification Western forces took possession of 25,000 military documents including the Soviet plan for the invasion of Western Europe. According to the analysts working through these documents, the Warsaw pact assumed **Gerald Frost**

SOVIET STRATEGY AND NEW MILITARY THINKING

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such a fast rate of advance that it is clear that it assumed the use of both nuclear and chemical weapons. The documents show that the pact did not begin defensive exercises until 1989.

The politically diverse contributors to Leebeart's collection of essays on different aspects of Soviet military thought have not als. The documents will take many months to translate and organise and much longer to assess. Any interim appraisal however would be more likely to support the "hawks" among the defence analysts than the "doves".

n this volume, the latter are represented by Raymond Garthoff, a distinguished former ambassador and arms negoti-ator who maintains that the Soviet Union acquired its nuclear arsenal for the same deterrent purpose as the US. Thanks to KGB activity and intelligent appraisal of the information gathered, the Soviets had a very good idea of Western intentions. Why the need then to spend over 25 per cent of the national resources (Shevard-

nadze's figure) on "deterrence"? Ambassador Garthoff is content to blame the West for the difficulties which occurred between the superpowers, saving special words of criticism for the "unilateral military build-up" under Reagan. One suspects, however, that history will prefer the judgement of Colin Gray — the other heavyweight contributor - when he asserts: "The much vilified idea attributed to the Reagan presiden-cy in 1981-82 of in effect spending the Soviet Union into bankruptcy no longer looks quite so primitive or so foolish. Where else did perestroika and glasnost come from if not from desperate Soviet recognition that, unreformed, they

were outclassed in their ability to

Nations cruise towards Armageddon

or any historian, the genesis of the catastrophe of 1914 is a gift from the gods. Since 1989, the return of a strategic complexity reminiscent of the great power politics of pre-1914 Europe has revived interest in an era that suddenly looks pregnant with significance for our own time as it never did during the age of totalitarian ideologies. The moment is ripe for a good populariser to exploit both the public's appetite for historical parables and an unusually rich body of scholarship to write something instructive as well as entertaining, with one ear cocked for echoes in the present.

Robert Massie's Dreadnought is not such a book. Obsessed with the question "who whom?", it too often bypasses the question "why?", and is thus ultimately unsatisfying despite its readability. Adorned with colourful, often elegantly written sketches of all the main actors and many minor ones. Massie's book is strong on tableaux: the Kaiser bluffing in a yacht race, Tirpitz visiting the aged Bismarck, Sir Edward Grey

banging his fist in the Commons. Massie never loses himself in naval jargon, and he is unfailingly scrupulous in his judgments of people. If the British elite on the whole emerges as more sympa-thetic than the German, that is probably fair. But Massie's heroes are unvarnished. Sir John Fisher, the pivotal figure in the naval arms race, is quoted advocating, as a deterrent, the torture of civilians.

The challenge of Nigel Watts's utterly likeable new

novel is to describe it with-

out making it sound like a subver-

sive exercise in Orton-sque bad

taste. In plain man's prose, occa-sionally ornamented by flights of

lyric fantasy or energetic disgust,

the book's hero, James Morrison,

tells of being on the brink of

becoming thirty, trapped in a dull

job in a library and a bad

relationship with a girl he dislikes

but dare not leave. His life is

changed when he meets and

befriends Tad. an anarchic gay

dwarf who earns what living he

does writing pomography for a

Under Tad's influence, James

attempts to rejuvenate his sex life

with Ruth by introducing an element of sexual fantasy.

Through a misunderstanding, the

two of them end up enacting, not

James's authentic fantasy (which

magazine called Hot Tips.

The weaknesses of the book are partly to do with its ill-defined scope. As the title implies, at its heart is an account of the naval rivalry between Britain and Germany. However, this sprawling volume of over 900 pages over-flows with potted histories of so many other themes that any argument is lost in detail and the

narrative flow almost ceases. Predictably, Dreadnought suffers from the flaws attendant upon constant resort to the excursus: repetition and inaccuracy, sometimes both together. Needlessly

Daniel Johnson

DREADNOUGHT Britain, Germany, and the Coming of the Great War

by Robert K. Massie Jonathan Cape, £20.00

repeating the date of Bismarck's death, for instance, he gets it wrong. There is no need for a book about the origins of 1914 to give an exhaustive account of the

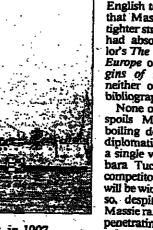
Franco-Prussian war. Massie does, and so blunders by ciaiming that the Germans subjected Paris to bombardment throughout the four month siege. The postponement of that bombardment until

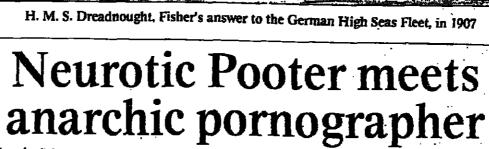
the final weeks was crucial. No less serious is the failure to convey any sense of the relative weight to be attached to different factors which eventually led to war. He gives no reasons for the

over. Apart from his pecstrian account of the seductive ult of scapower, ideas play littl part. That is a defensible interpretation of events; but Massie assures it. sense of inevitability which pervaded the chancelleries in July 1914. At decisive junctures, he often merely quotes the eyewitness

Such complacency vould appear in another light if Nassie's erudition were less patch. He knows enough to have wrien an account of the Anglo-Crms naval anatagonism; but e has skimped the prodigious rading that would be required for he far more ambitious task he hasmdertaken. Not only does he argely ignore German scholarshij but a number of the best monographs in English too. I cannot helpeeling that Massie might have fund a tighter structure for his box if he had absorbed, say, A. J.: Taylor's The Struggle for Mæery in Europe or James Joll's The Origins of the First Worle War, neither of which appear n the

bibliography or notes. None of Dreadnought's lefects spoils Massie's achievement in boiling down great quanties of diplomatic and naval histey into a single volume. Apart from Barbara Tuchman, Massie as no competitor in this field. His book will be widely read, and derivedly so, despite its minor slip. But Massie ranges broadly rathe than penetrating deeply. An opprtunity has been missed.





involves food) but an improvised version, involving sex with another woman. This episode turns out disastrously for James, when Ruth

leaves him in favour of the other partner, a lesbian called Wendy. And these are only James's exterior problems. He is also tormented by confused sexual longings, an inability to love, an incapacity for friendship. His sense of guilt has various sources. from his brutal Catholic boarding school, still a potent influence, to the memory of his dead mother to whom he was unable to offer consolation in her final illness.

This last theme is the least

Sean French

WE ALL LIVE IN A HOUSE CALLED INNOCENCE by Nigel Watts Hodder & Stoughton, £14,99

convincing in the book and, since the author is at pains to insist (on the dustjacket) that he is not a Catholic, it might have been better if Watts had left it where he found it - in James Joyce's Ulysses. But the rest of James Morrison's interior life is portrayed with

uncanny skill, a melange of sexual speculation and frantic observation of the world around him. An obvious comparison is with the scatological monologues that make up a Martin Amis like Money or The Rachel Papers. ghostly presences that have haunted the work of so many young British novelists since the early seventies. James's detailed and disgusted descriptions of his own sexual acts owe a good deal to those novels but the difference, surprising as it may seem, is that Watts's hero remains welcomely realistic, an ordinary obsessive, a

neurotic Mr Pooter with the

filtering superego removed. James's unfocussed histility against women, work, otheraces and the world in general, wich of course is really a hatred of hoself, forms the bulk of the book nd is. comparatively, the easy bi The difficult bit is in the final sections when James grows up, strugles to make a new relationship wrk, to realise his destiny as a write, and to express love for a Ta who comes to seem, for all his rbelaisian veneer, a bit too muo of a Tiny Tim. And indeed the is something thoroughly Viorian about the big emotions atl the expansive prose that Wanswhips up at the novel's climax when James emerges from his crysalis as a spokesman for the post-

feminist New Age I must confess that I prierred him in his tormemed, ureconstructed state, but then so, I suspect, did Nigel Watts.

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Prodigy grows up gracefully

Little Man Tate, plus Frankie and Johnny, Mississippi Masala, Coup de Ville and Freddy's Dead, reviewed by Geoff Brown

even-year-old Fred Tate has a problem. He can play Mozart divinely, soar into higher mathematics and write profound poetry. But nobody comes to his birthday party. What to do with a child prodigy: do you treat him like a normal child, or put him in a cocoon with his peers?

Supreme intelligence is not some-thing that Hollywood considers too often. You could certainly fault Little Man Tate (PG, Odeon Haymarket) for its caricatures, its facile solutions to complex issues. But the film, Jodie Foster's first as director, boasts a forthright quality and a central performance strong enough to disarm the most dedicated grouch. One might even forgive the film's script-writer, Scott Frank, for Dead Again.

Vulnerable, becomingly freckled, with a haircut more pudding basin than Vidal Sassoon, Adam Hann-Byrd gives his all as the precocious Fred. Both performer and character never succumb to the preening ways of some movie tots: Fred stays humble, eager to please. The one character who parades his brilliance, a cape-wearing maths wizard called Damon, is pointedly played for comedy.

Fred's single, working-class mother Dede (Jodie Foster) gives him an ordinary schooling, until a child psychologist with a fancy institute named after herself rears her head. "Stupid woman!" the lady snorts when Dede curtails tests of Fred's IQ. Eventually, compromise reigns: Fred attends the institute's summer school; Dede and the psychologist (Dianne Wiest) withdraw their dag-gers and each learns something about motherhood.

Dede hardly stretches Foster as a performer: she has talked common and spat out food before. As a director, though, she blossoms. We expect and forgive the few awkward lurches (there are bizarre special effects evoking the inside of Fred's brain). Usually, Foster's style is sensible and direct; she finds natural ways of visually evoking Fred's isolation, and treats fellow performers with care. The one casting mistake is Harry Connick Jr.'s nonsinging role as a college student who enlivens Fred's summer.

You can give Michelie Pfeiffer tired eyes. a wan complexion and straggly hair, you can make her-clean out the bathtub. But you cannot turn one of Hollywood's best beauties into the drab, lonely waitress of Frankie and Johnny (15, Pacino an apron, and a knife to chop food; but is this smouldering star with the blow-dried hair and reading specs a convincing shortorder cook?

Hollywood has always played tricks like this: in the Seventh Heaven remake of 1937, James Ste-

nto the Young Vic foyer shuffles a figure carrying

three heavy plastic bags.
Bernused and benign-look-

ing, his face is instantly recog-

nisable from a clutch of clas-

sic and popular movies: Flight Of The Phoenix. The

Hill. Hope and Glory and

Defence Of The Realm. Ian

Bannen even looks half in

character, like some ghostly

Willy Loman wandering out

of Death of a Salesman.

muttering to me about travel-

ling light and looking like a



"Vulnerable and becomingly freckled, Adam Hann-Byrd gives his all as the precocious Fred" in Jodic Foster's Little Man Tate

wart played a French sewerman. If the material is good enough, and the stars still glow, Hollywood gets away with it. Frankie and Johnny, based on Terrence McNally's stage play, Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de

Lune, just scrapes by.

The stars do their damnedest.

Through careful acting, Michelle
Pfeiffer slips under the skin of Frankie, the New York waitress nursing some private hurt with only a VCR and a safe, gay neighbour to come home to Pacino's nervous energy and burning eyes serve him well as the diner's new employee, released from prison and desperate for love. "We fit!" Johnny tells the man-wary Frankie: a girl who says no, yes, no and no before their toothbrushes finally mingle.

The outcome is never for a moment in doubt: McNally's script merely presents these lonely hearts with obstacles more varied and busy than those encountered on stage. Frankie and Johnny's workplace teems with regular customers, backchat and bonhomie the play made do with just the two leads (Kathy Bates and F. Murray Abraham originated the roles). For their first kiss the setting shifts to a flower market: lips touch, and the truck

Heavyweight character, not averse to the odd joke

Ian Bannen, back

on the London

stage in an Arthur

Miller play, talks

to Joseph Williams

smashing him into a pulp. "Don't beat me for thoughts

in your head. Nothing I can

say you haven't imagined,"

sneers the molester, winkling

out the detective's deepest

door behind rolls up to reveal blazing blooms. A round of applause, please, for director Garry Marshall (Beaches, Pretty Woman).

an old hand at gilding the cliché.
Frankie and Johnny needs friendly audiences. Given these attractive players, an optimistic message and some witty dialogue, they should not be hard to find. But the layers of artifice are just too thick for the film's warm glow to last long.

hree years ago, Indian director Mira Nair burst upon the world with her first feature Salaam, Bombay!, an impassioned, vivid chronicle of a country boy's fortunes in the big bad city. Mississippi Masala (15, Curzon West End) aims more directly at the international market. The bulk of the story unfolds in Mississippi; the cast mixes fresh Indian faces, seasoned performers such as Sharmila Tagore, and Hollywood's Denzel Washington.

Born in Orissa, educated at Harvard, Mira Nair is well-equipped to film a story about displaced middleclass Indians, booted out of Idi Amin's Uganda, uneasily surviving among blacks in a small Mississippi town. Yet stereotypes creep in. rubbing the shine off the intended focus on inter-racial relationships between black and brown.

Mina, the daughter, falls for the local Sidney Poitier, a gentle, handsome, goodly man with his own carpet cleaning business. Once the pair are found in the same motel bed, ancient antagonisms break loose. Hamstrung by a timid script, Denzel Washington and the inexperienced Social Chaudhan makes rienced Sarita Choudhury make a dim pair of star-crossed lovers.

The sadness is that in other ways the film burns brightly. Nair's eye for an eloquent landscape endows the Ugandan scenes with genuine magic you really feel the aching sadness as these Ugandan Asians leave their homeland. Around the edges flickers sharp satire of the immigrant community. But the heart of the film is mush.

For a film concerning three warring brothers in 1963 who gradually become Better People driving cross-country to the old folks in Florida, Coup de Ville (12, MGM Trocadero) is surprisingly likeable. It cannot be because of Joe Roth's direction: the man (currently head of Twentieth Century Fox) just flings the action up on the screen. Nor is Mike Binder's script a prize specimen: the boys' travels, in a pale-blue Cadillac they must not dent or scratch, never take them far from well-worn highways.

But the playing is robust (Daniel Stern, Patrick Dempsey, Arye Gross: Alan Arkin takes care of crusty old pop), while the comedy stays breezy and unpretentious. Nor should we discount the nostalgic charm: this is a movie conceived by, and for, baby boomers, who can chant every song on the soundtrack.

And now: the first film in "Freddy Vision"! For the last 15 minutes of Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare (18, Odeon West End and Marble Arch), audiences must don 3-D glasses and suffer murky colour while a few objects hover, pointed in their direction. It is not worth the bother: the makers of this sixth, and last, Nightmare on Elm Street movie expended their imagination long before the final reels.

Director Rachel Talalay (a pro-ducer on two earlier entries) makes a pig's ear of the story, and gives Freddy Krueger too much dialogue: how can you frighten people if you're always nattering? Amidst the confusion, a few lively scenes linger, but not enough for us to weep a single tear over Freddy's demise.

TELEVISION REVIEW

Short, sharp and better than coffee

vision was young there Awas an intermission between some programmes. a short film which might involve pottery. Ah. youth. Now, the space between programmes is occupied by breathless trails for the next programme but six, a trail run so often that when the programme turns up people complain about the repeat.

Of late, however, short programmes have become voguish again and the best of them are better watched than used as a chance to brew more coffee. BBC 2's The Day The World Changed if last night's opener is any guide, could well be a mini-gem of a series, well worth delaying the caffeine intake. The second world war and

its origins have been flogged nearly to death by television but if there is any danger of a generation growing up ig-norant of what Hitler did to the Jews then Steven Berkoff's contribution to this series should be shown in every classroom in the land. He chose November 7, 1938, and if saying that the world changed on that date is stretching things just a touch then the exaggeration is forgivable. Berkoff has a style which is

all his own. He is shot throughout in close-up and you get the distinct feeling that one of those big hands will reach out of the screen should you approach the off button. Who would wish to? Berkoff tells the tale of Herschel Grynszpan, a 17-year-old German Jew of Polish parents who, on that date. went to a gunsmith in Paris and bought a gun. He said he needed it for

security and in a sense he did. He then went around to the German embassy, where he claimed he had information and then shot dead the second secretary.

His motive was that his

parents, told to get out of Germany had asked him in a letter if he could "do some-thing". Shooting a German was all Grynszpan could think of and his action had an effect out of all proportion

to the shooting itself. At once. Hitler posthumously promoted the second secretary to first secretary in order to suggest that highranking German officials faced a sinister assassination plot around the world. Two days after the shooting. Hit-ler ordered the Kristalinacht. the smashing of Jewish property all over Germany, an act of terrorism which was to of appeasers that here was evil on a hitherto unconsidered scale.

erkoff tells the story with all the passion at his disposal to a fastchanging backdrop of Nazi images which fuse with the image of Berkoff himself in a tellingly dramatic manner. There is no taking your eyes from the screen and if the style is very nearly hammy from time to time then that is probably a fault in the vicwer, so much of television lacks this level of involvement that we tend to be uncomfortable in its presence. Berkoff concludes that

Grynszpan, whose fate is even now unknown, was a hero. It could well be argued that to shoot dead a national of a foreign country other than in wartime presents difficulties for the detached observer of events, as does calling the perpetrator a

But to be Jewish in 1938 in Europe was to be anything but detached: for a Jew the war had long since started. At this distance and in this context the argument is persuasive. The trouble is, one tends to hear it in Ireland, too.

PETER BARNARD

Gift of goodbye AS HIS farewell gift to the

National Gallery, Lord Rothschild, who retired in December after six years as chairman of the National Gallery Trustees, will fund the restoration of the Central Hall of the old building on Trafalgar Square. This space. where the shop used to be before the Sainsbury Wing opened next door, will be used as a hall where visitors can meet. The Central Hall will be restored to the original decorative scheme, with its fine polychrome ceiling designed by Taylor and Crace in 1887. In the new hall, which re-opens to the public in the autumn, will hang the four battle scenes from the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic wars painted by Horace

Vernet in the 1820s. Windy Dusty

BRITISH dramatist Dusty Hughes is heading westward for the world premiere of his play, Slip of the Tongue, next month at Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre. John Malkovich heads the cast, playing a Czech writer glimpsed before and after the fall of communism. The show is staged by Simon Stokes, former artistic director of the Bush Theatre. and is expected to transfer to the West End directly following its six-week Chicago run.

Nun better

AFTER being absent from the West End for nearly a decade, The Sound of Music – that *ne plus ultra* of the sugary family musical - will return on June 18, when the Wendy Toye production that has been touring the regions



Liz Robertson: on her way back to London as Maria

comes into Sadler's Wells for a 12-week run. The Rodgers and Hammerstein show still holds the box-office record for an American musical in the West End. Leading the do-remi choruses will be Liz Robertson as Maria, the singing nanny-novice created on film by Julic Andrews.

Last chance . . . EVEN if the set does not

catch light this time, the performance is likely to when it is Christmas Eve again at the Coliseum (071-836 3(6)) The piece is one of those affectionately recreated fairytales that have become something of an English National Opera speciality. David Pountney's jolly production brings on the devil, the witch and a host of village characters to fill out the folksy, colourful fantasy that Rimsky-Korsakov made out of Gogol's tale; there is more magic in the pit under Michael Lloyd. Final performance is tomorrow.

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weary bag man. As we move into an empty Young Vic auditorium, Bannen peers at the arena-For scorching intensity and power, few British actors compare. In The Offence, the like stage, where this week he 1972 film directed by Sidney will play Joe Keller, the pivot-Lumet, Bannen's pathetic child molester entices Sean Connery's detective into Miller's 1947 drama, All My **AN AFFAIR** lains, this is surprising. WITH NUMBERS THE MUSIC OF **ALBAN BERG** BARBKAN CENTRE

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Sons. He has a look of determination in his narrowing eyes, like a gladiator the night before a contest. "You have the audience on all sides. which is not easy to play to." he muses. "It's like giving a lecture, but you have to at least think about the people behind you: very different from the set-up I'm used to." In a career which kindled

in the early Fifties, Bannen has been a stalwart character actor, but equally at home with romantic leads: Hamlet for the Royal Shakespeare Company in the early Sixties. and Orlando to Vanessa Redgrave's Rosalind in As You Like II. "I do like comedy," he says, recalling his humorous role in John Boorman's film, Hope and Glory, as the bibulous grandfather.

"I certainly want to do more of it," he says. Coming from an actor with a nice line in psychotics and fearful vil-

ut Bannen does not But samen do behave like an actor, let alone a comedian or a villain. Still, his "psycho" roles are clearly effective ~ when the film Fright was released, he received fan mail

He is a slippery interviewee, adroitly evading my questions about acting techniques, and preferring to talk about golf, or tell anecdotes about Natalie Wood and James Stewart, with whom he acted in Hollywood. For his performance in Flight Of The Phoenix, starring James Stewart, Bannen was Oscarnominated: "Jimmy told me that that film is still his favourite. I asked him why. and he said: 'because some people in it are still alive'."

In his Scottish drawl, more

the genial schoolmaster than

the gadabout actor. Bannen

explains that his father, a lawyer, discouraged any theatre ambitions. "I was thinking about movies, not theatre. at that time. You didn't see much theatre in Glasgow. My mother was an opera fan. but I didn't see much great

acting then."

Following national service, and the role of army public relations officer in Égypt. a chat over dinner with a casting director decided him to try acting: "'Good God,' I thought, 'what if he said I shouldn't become an actor? And that's when I realised just how much I wanted to act. Olivier's stage performance as Richard III staggered me when it came to Glasgow, and I was bowled over by Burton and Brando. 1 got more and more excited." With his ability to sink

himself into many-layered roles. Bannen was made for the heavyweights: O'Neill. Miller and Ibsen.

e thrives on roles

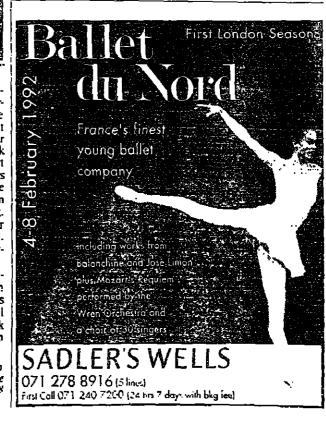
suggesting failure L and guilt in ordinary men. "I do seem to be drawn to those kinds of parts, often plays with an Irish feel." he says. He played the guilt-wracked Hickey in The Iceman Cometh. the dissolute Jamie Tyrone in Long Day's Journey Into Night and the wily Judge Brack to Janet Suzman's Hedda Gabler. For his role as a flamboyant provincial teacher in Brian Friel's Translations, seen at the National Theatre in the early Eighties. Bannen won the critics' award for actor of

In All My Sons, he plays a

lan Bannen on Keller in All My Sons: "He's a crook, but I understand his reactions." wartime manufacturer. Keller, who supplies faulty aireraft parts, which cause American pilots to die. but who blindly holds together his family firm. "You'd think Keller was one of the nicest fellows you know." says Bannen. "He's convinced he did nothing wrong. To him the family is the main unit. But he has blotted out 99 per cent of what has happened. He's a crook, but I understand his reactions.

"Remember that Americans talk about money much more than we do: winners and losers. They're not all self-made men, but they think it's the cream if you come up from nothing."

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Balkan state of self-delusion

Both sides are convinced they have won, writes Anne McElvoy in Zagreb

President Tudjman's gleam-ing blue bullet-proof BMW took up most of the parking space outside the main door of Zagreb's grandiose Esplanade Hotel, so the rest of us had to deposit our mud-spattered hire cars elsewhere and walk. Inside. the Croatian leader was in effusive mood, drinking local wines while the ballroom pianist tinkled away at national folksongs on the

grand piano. He bid us a lofty good evening and said no. he would rather not do interviews tonight: he was having a quiet celebration with friends and colleagues. There were no doubts about the reason for the president's new poise. This was the confident bonhomic of a man who thinks he has won. And if some puling governments have granted Croatia recognition only reluctantly, he can at least take comfort from the unembarrassed alacrity

with which the Germans, opened their Zagreb em-

bassy yesterday. There are no gastronomic celebrations for President Milosevic in Belgrade, however. He has limited his public appearan-

Milosevic: short-term victor, long-term loser

ces to a minimum in the last few weeks. When he is spotted arriving at a meeting, his lips are set in his habitual grimace. However, in the looking-glass world of the Balkans, appearance frequently contradicts reality. For, as unpalatable as the conclusion may be, it is Serbia not

Creatia that stands to gain from the end of the contest at this point. President Milosevic's political acumen has been beyond doubt recently. He gauged correctly the panic which gripped President Tudjman in the run of military defeats before Christmas and which led him to agree to a United Nations deployment even though

this sealed the loss of territories

taken by the army and Serb

irregulars. He also realised that war weariness was setting in at home after six months' fighting. His personal victory is the renourished by rhetoric of a nation cheated by history of its right to self-assertion. This has provided a figleaf for a war of territorial con-

quest, the army's strategy being to

establish the borders of that mythi-

cal beast, Greater Serbia. The advance of the Serbian-led forces has obliged Croatia to concede control of a third of its territory. Enclaves in Croatia which have been seized by indigenous Serbs and which will have UN troops in them - such as the Krajina region — are now de facto detached from Croatia, if not annexed to Serbia. The two nations are still in the grip of the perverse bond which measures one side's

contentment by the other's misery. The conquered Baranja region of eastern Slavonia has already been filled with Serbs. Serbian refugees are being taken to Vukovar and offered a choice of houses there - providing they can find a suitable home intact among

the ruins. President Tudjman's notion that Croatian refugees will swarm back into these areas, so leavening the Serb dominance, is naive. Even with UN protection, they will remain endemically violent, vengeful places. How many ordinary Croats would risk the hostile atmosphere of the conquered territories? Some, doubtless, but not enough to restore Croatian influence, let alone sovereignty over the areas.

Rhetoric and reality are still poles apart. The Croatian leader declaims that he will regain "every inch of our territory", even though he knows that the country is militarily incapable of doing so for the foreseeable future.

The new Croatia is independent but economically shartered. Zagreb makes no secret of its reliance upon German help to rebuild the country, but this may well prove to be yet another case of

over-heated expectations. Germany has a long-term economic interest in the region, but with its present domestic reconstruction to finance, it is less interested than some think in footing Croatia's bills.

President Milosevic. for his part. has the unenviable task of supporting an overblown Yugoslav national army which has no home left to go to and which will expect an easy living as its pay-off for fighting Serbia's

proxy war in Croatia. He also has the Serbian leaders in Croatia to deal with, miniature versions of himself in their ambition and ruthlessness. They are unhappy with the deal done by Belgrade over their heads, and are unwilling to disarm. President Milosevic taught them to wield their strength for his cause: now they are threatening to turn on him. Mr Babic, the terrifying former dentist who rules the Krajina region, has threatened that the quarrel with Serbia over peacekeepers there could end in

'blood and pain". Croatia and Serbia are both set poor and full of self-deception about a glorious and prosperous future awaiting them. Serbia is the short-term victor, with an unpromising future as a retrograde backwater malcontent in the 21st century. Geography, attitude and old alliances should eventually secure Croatia's place on the sunny side of history.

Between now and then there will be other conflicts: the diverrobustly declare in this very parension of mortar and rocket warfare thesis that the entire EC staff in Brussels must have been bribed into terrorism and perhaps guerrilla war, wrangles over Bosnia, Macedonia and Kosovo, even silly by the butter interests.)

Balked of their prey — an advertising campaign on telestrife in Serbia itself. But for now, the war-weary people on both vision - Van den Bergh withdrew sides set their sights on the present into its cave and took counsel with ceasefire holding long enough to itself. When it emerged, it was to allow another 9,950 peacekeepers be seen smiling all over its face, to join the 50 bearers of hope who and no wonder. For not only has arrived on Tuesday. If this minor the newspaper advertising cammiracle is achieved in the coming naign, which was substituted for the rejected TV one, been one of weeks, the fighting will be at an end. A Balkan peace, however, the finest and most brilliant advertising series this country has ever

Presentation rather than substance divides the parties over the NHS, says Jeremy Laurance

year ago a new buzz phrase emerged from William Waldegrave's office at the Department of Health. Ministers, anxious about potential ructions as a result of the NHS reforms, began speaking of "smooth takeoff.". The idea was to minimise the effects of the changes in the first year so as to reduce "turbulence". The order came down: steady as

she goes.
And so it has proved. Apart from initial fears about job losses, sparked by an ill-timed announce. ment at Guy's Hospital weeks after the reforms were introduced, and the political row last autumn over allegations of privatisation, the level of protest in the service has been remarkably low.

One may see this as a piece of astute political management by the government or as an example of how to rig the results, according to taste. The hospitals selected for trust status were already an élite group: the most efficient with the owest costs per case and therefore the greatest chance of succeeding in the new NHS market. Block contracts with health authorities were specified for the first year, eliminating the risks of competi-

Commission" - ancient Chinese

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being sued for libel. I would

Healthy statistics

The funding of health authorities has also been generous com-pared with earlier years, and health authorities expect to show a small surplus by the end of the year. Extra money has been targeted at waiting lists, the most politically sensitive gauge of NHS performance. Compared with the winter of 1987-8, when ward closures and the cancellation of some children's heart operations panicked the government into injecting an extra £100 million and announcing the NHS review, the

winter of 1991-2 has been calm. Even among GPs, who are widely regarded as the most unpredictable element in the reforms package, the changes appear to be going unexpectedly well. A report on the new GP fundholders by the independent King's Fund next month will say that fears of a two-tier service

tion and minimising problems disadvantaging patients of non-with the hugely complex task of fundholders have been greatly xaggerated. But the fundholders too are a self-selected élite group.

The one problem area that was likely to blow up in the government's face - London - has been successfully neutralised. The Tomlinson enquiry into the provision of health services in London has defused this dangerous issue at least until after the election. But to conclude on the basis of

this week's optimistic government report on the first six months of the reforms that everything in the NHS is rosy would be a serious mistake. As Archy Kirkwood, the Liberal Democrats' health spokesman, stressed on Tuesday, it could be five years before we know how well the reforms are really working. Governments around the world are grappling with the prob-lem of how to bridge the gap between what modern health care could do with unlimited resources

Britain is unlikely to have all the

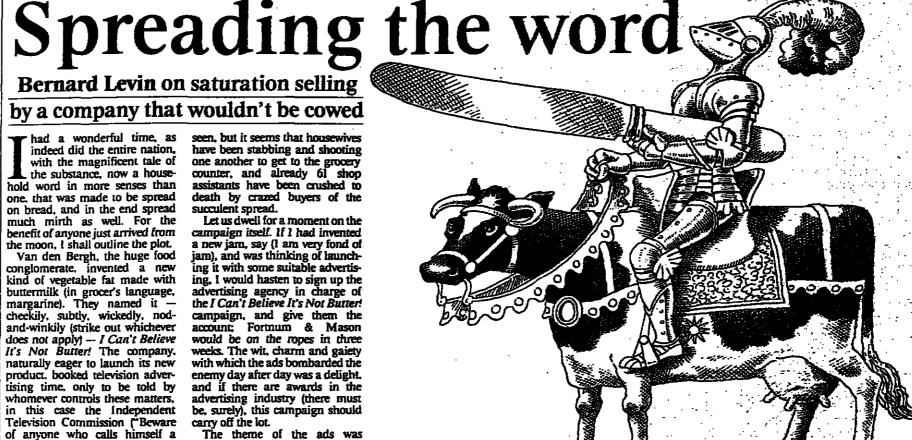
Still the reforms have already ushered in a deep cultural change in the NHS that is significant and probably permanent. The separation of the health authority purchaser of care from the hospital provider has switched the emphasis from a hospital-led service to a patient-led service, from the maintenance of institutions to the provision of services to people.

Surveys show enormous enthusiasm among health authority managers and public health specialists for this aspect of the reforms. which has given them more power over how money is spent even before the market has taken effect. One chief executive of a selfgoverning hospital even phoned The Times to trumpet the achievements of his hospital in cutting waiting lists. Such an outbreak of local pride would have been unthinkable two years ago.

The logic of the new system is that institutions matter only to the extent that they can provide the required services at the agreed price. The pre-eminence of the hospitals within the NHS is in decline, a trend which the reforms will accelerate.

All political parties now subscribe to some notion of dividing responsibility for buying care from responsibility for providing it. but there is disagreement over the method. The government favours the market. Labour the planned allocation of funds with a performance-related element. In practice, the gap between these two positions is narrower than it might

There will always be competition for scarce resources, and there may be little to choose between highly regulated competition in the market and planned competi-tion among NHS boards. But the battle over the health service is now about presentation rather than content. It is about winning elections. The government has succeeded in changing the tone of the debate within the health service - but it has yet to convince a sceptical electorate.



The theme of the ads was "They tried to stop us, but we beat them," balanced with "They were afraid of us". These shafts have been deployed with considerable ingenuity; picking one at random, I found (the advertisement took a whole page of broadsheet) a huge running headline, filling three quarters of the space, with "They'd love to stop us using a certain word. But they can't stop the word spreading." Tucked into the letterpress is a packet of the argued-over substance with a hand covering

product. As for the final quarter of the page, with the details of the stuff, I think it is worth quoting in full. double-entendres and all.

the word "butter" in the title of the

Far be it from us to name name But some people (including a certain food lobby) want us to cut out "butter" from our name al-together. Could it be they're afraid of a little healthy competition? After all, "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter!" is high in polyunsaturates, low in saturates and contains now in saturates and contains virtually no cholesterol. Or is it a question of taste? You see, our vegetable (at spread is made with buttermilk. It has a fresh, butterbuttermine it has a fresh, buter-like taste that's proving rather popular. So popular, indeed, word about it's been spreading like wildfire. But why take our word for and tuck in. It it doesn't live name, we'll eat our words.

Look at the half-concealed puns. the infuriating nose-thumbing at the enemy, the big guns of what healthy things it contains; no wonder the product has been so

Here, I must declare an interest, albeit upside-down. I am a butter man, and the creamier the better. I do not give a fig, much less a halfpound packet, for a substance which proclaims, however truthfully, that it is high in polyun-saturates and low in saturates; I eat half a hundredweight of saturates a week, and wouldn't have a polyunsaturate in the house.

Nevertheless, I can see excellence when I read it, and when I do, I cheer, nor do I much mind whose ears are affronted when I do so. For there is more to this story than the turning of tables.

The food-wowsers, a breed hardly less irritating than the drinkwowsers, have cowed a great num-

their bullying, their fanaticism, their nosey-parkering, their suspect statistics and above all their smugness. They must have had a wonderful time when the Van den Bergh ads were banned, and must have practically choked on the success of the substituted carnpaign, even though they would include the disputed substance in the things we should eat instead of

ell, sometimes justice triumphs over the unrighteous, and this is one of the times. When the Van den Bergh campaign paused, the newspaper industry picked up the I Can't Believe ... advertisement and kept it going, to good effect, in its own campaign to persuade advertisers to use the papers more and television less. At this vital level, butter and I Can't Believe It's Not Butter join hands to rout the wowsers: if you want butter, have

ber of people and institutions with "it," and if you want I Can't etc., " have that. The only, but crucial test is: are you eating what you like the taste of?

The enemy always says No: that is how you recognise that it is the enemy. When I heard about the banned advertisement, my immediate conclusion was that it was certainly admirable and very likely useful as well. Whether I was right is not what matters; the important lesson is always to be ready for another incursion by the enemy, and always be ready to push the enemy back. And we have pushed him back: the pestilent commission has backed down, and the ads are now free for use on television.

Come: let us get up a charabancparty for a visit to the Abbey of Thelema, with its tremendous and heartening motto: Fay ce que Vouldras. "De what you wish". And a raspberry for that hypocritical proto-wowser in Alice Through the Looking-Glass:

The Carpenter said nothing but "The butter's spread too thick!"



...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

from luxury into necessity and then, slowly but surely, into relic, it behoves the columnist to lament its passing. I feel sure that, as their time passed, the 78 record, the quill pen, the outside loo. the car-crank, the clog, the gallows, whooping cough and even the platform heel were all mourned with great eloquence by some of Fleet Street's foremost scribes.

With the news that W.H. Smith will no longer stock LPs, other columnists have made game efforts at traditional 700word elegies. Strapped for a closing 665 words, they have turned the obvious faults of the long playing record into advantages. I have even seen tributes to the joy of the scratch, some of them so persuasive that I have thought of setting up a lucrative CD scratching bureau, equipped with a skilled workforce. infra-red technology and a pair of sharp scissors.

Alas, these elegists have forgotten one essential aspect of the LP. With the arrival of the little CD, the expansive sleeve note will be no more. There is now space only for a basic list of tracks and performers, with maybe a very squashed set of lyrics, if sufficiently

But back in the good old days. ah, things were different then. I never play my own long-playing pop records, but I love to read them. In the early 1960s, the sleeve note was brief and enthusiastic. My 1964 LP. Tell Em I'm Surfin by a group improba-bly called the Fantastic Baggys carries this enigmatic message from their recording manager.
"You may think it is fantastic that two such young musicians could do so many things and do them well. We thought so. too. That's why we called them the Fantastic Baggys." The sleeve notes for A Hard

Day's Night also possess an engaging innocence. This, we are promised, is "a fabulous set of songs" and "with this album in your library, you have a collection of Beatle recordings which is comprehensive and up to date"

By 1970s, the pop sleeve note was becoming more sophis-ticated. The trend for double. triple or even quadrupie "concept" albums, with deadly serious names such as In the Land Dreamy Dreams or Days of Future Past meant that there was a huge amount of sleeve space to cover. Consequently, sleeve prose became both more lavish and more ornate, often printed in the ill-formed handwriting - with authentic blotches and scratchings-out of the stars themselves. Single LPs were forced to follow suit, cramming lengthy prose-poems and philosophical elucidations into every nook and cranny. "Apache poets searching thru the ruins for a glimpse of Buddah" is just a part of Bob Dylan's handwritten philosophy on the sleeve of his LP Planet Waves... "We sensed each

other beneath the mask, pitched a tent in the street and joined the traveling circus. History became a lie.

Before long, such arty stuff became obligatory, so that buy-ing a pop record was akin to sitting an A-level in a language no one knew. These records were usually supplemented by notes from external examiners in which the music was invariably declared a masterpiece. "The Velvet Underground are still creating what one critic once called 'some of the greatest achievements in the history of Western Music'" runs one sleeve note in my collection.

For a while it was fashionable to include God in the acknowledgements ("Ali thanks 2 God" writes Prince on one LP). A year or two ago, veteran rock stars were duty-bound to extend thanks to their full medical staff. On his first solo LP, the former Beach Boy Brian Wilson thanks. along with 60 others, "Dr Solomon D. Samuels who has always been there for me and has helped me become a better person", "Dr Murray Susser who guided me back to physical health and has helped me stay there" and "DT Eugene E. Landy for saving my life and inspiring. overseeing and fighting for me and this entire album".

And now all this is to end. No more the thank-yous to God and Doc. no more the hand-written lyrics, no more the philosophical prose-poems! Why oh why? Or, to be a bit more honest, Way-hay

New state of catatonia?

THEY were putting out the flags and popping the champagne corks last night as the Londonbased Croatian community celebrated recognition by Britain at a house in Chelsea. Among the members of the diplomatic corps present was the French ambassador to London. Foreign Office officials were also in attendance, although no minister turned up. A good cross-party selection of MPs

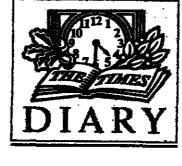
did, however, join the celebrations. It was a day the Croats had waited a long time to see, although for Drago Stambuk, the Croatian representative in London, the celebrations were still tinged with sadness. "I'm not sure how to feel with the horrors of war going on



back home. We could have prefor this announcement."

vented so much bloodshed if the EC had recognised us a year ago. But we are very happy because we have been waiting nine centuries The Slovenian representative in

London. Keith Miles, took the



director. For Miles, who is British and married to a Slovene, it was not quite an ordinary day. however. He left work early at 3.30pm to join the celebrations. We feel a huge sense of relief. Definitely a time to pop the odd bottle of champagne." The cele-bration also doubled as Miles's retirement party as Ljubljana's man in London. "After the announcement I wrote to Douglas Hurd proposing diplomatic relations, and Slovenia has already nominated Matjaz Sinkovec, chairman of its parliamentary foreign relations commission, as the ambassador. But I can't think of a better way for me to bow out."

 The initiation of the "Decade of Revivalism" has been postponed, reports Britain's Imams and Mosques Council. They had planned to usher in the great decade next week. Alas, the chairman, M.A. Zaki Badawi has been taken ill. Fortunately the Islamic calendar is fairly flexible about these things, and the decade is due to commence next month instead when the the chairman has staged his own personal revival.

Pulpit politics

welcome call from the Foreign WHILE much of the general elec-Office in his office at Etam plc. tion will be fought over the familwhere in his day job he is finance iar battlegrounds of tax policy,

defence and the future of the health service, the campaign in Oxford West, where Home Office minister John Patten is opposed by Labour's Bruce Kent, will take on an altogether loftier aspect. Both are Roman Catholics, and Patten is suggesting that they should move away from sterile party political debate to discuss theological matters. "I am mugging up on the works of Thomas Aquinas in preparation," says Patten, who hopes a debate with his opponent can be staged during the campaign in the university

Patten is wise to do his homework. His Labour opponent, the former chairman of CND, who is no fan of the current Labour leadership, was a Catholic priest until 1987 when he left to devote his energies to campaigning against the government. What an interesting proposition," says Kent. "But if the debate is going to be about the meaning of the Trinity rather than the future of Trident. I fear there will be very few constituents left in the audience."

Russian overtures

COVENT GARDEN is to stage a royal gala to welcome back St Petersburg and the Maryinsky Theatre. Royal Opera House officials have just returned from St Petersburg where they negotiated the arrangements with the Kirov opera and ballet company, which, for the moment at least, retains the revolutionary name of the Communist Party secretary who was assassinated in 1934. The benefit gala has not been formally announced, but is scheduled for April 9.

More than 250 dancers and singers are due to fly in from St Petersburg for the occasion. "It's going to be a spectacular evening with proceeds going to help refurbish the beautiful Maryinsky Theatre," says a Covent Garden spokeswoman. Given the Royal Opera House's own beleaguered financial position, staging a benefit for the Maryinsky/Kirov is an act of considerable generosity. There should, however, still be something in the event for the ROH. Profits will be split between the two companies - and with grand tier seats at £500 apiece. they should be considerable.

Home from home

THE long arm of coincidence has reached across 3,067 miles in the case of two young students from Sierra Leone currently studying in London. At home they lived no more than 500 yards apart for thirty years, but neither knew of the other's existence. Astonishingly both have the same surname.

Issa and Foday Kamara met for the first time only last month, when they enrolled independently for the same course at the London School of Journalism in Notting Hill. Sadly, the fairy-tale aspect of the story breaks down, for both are married men with families. "Can't it be a fairy-tale without a love interest?" says Basil Morgan, the tutor to both men. "It is still a remarkable story and their friendship is blossoming"

 So now we know where Roger Freeman got the idea for his illadvised suggestion of "cheap and cheerful" trains to carry typists. The Department of Transport files obviously go all the way back to 1839 when Charles Saunders, secretary of the Great Western Rallway, told the Parliamentary transport committee that his company was proposing to convey the very lowest orders of passengers, once a day, at very low speed in carriages of an inferior description, at a very low price".



CHOCOLATE AND CREAM

The rail privatisation argument raging in Downing Street gets ever simpler: it is now between what is right and what is expedient. On the one side are those who wish to see BR's assets of land, track and rolling stock divided up, given a new private-sector identity and developed, as far as possible competitively. On the other are those who see the continuation of a unified industry in some form as being the line of least resistance, with a national corporation as owner of most or all the rail assets, perhaps as super-franchiser; as if the airports and civil aviation authorities were combined with much of British Airways. There are no prizes for guessing on which side are BR and its sponsors in Whitehall. They like the devil they know. But they are wrong.

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Everything learnt from the experience of privatisation so far suggests that Britain's transport services should be divided into much smaller units than those they have been in since the war. The only clean and simple way of dividing up the railway is to dispose of its underlying asset, land, with a legal obligation to supply rail services over it. The vast majority of rail journeys in Britain - upwards of 90 per cent - are within the old regional boundaries of lines radiating from London and the great cities of the north: the old Great Western, LMS, LNER and Great Eastern territories. These happen to correspond to what BR terms its InterCity "subsectors". These subsectors form ideal bases for geographical privatisation (and incidentally for a compromise between at least some of today's Whitehall factions).

There is no end to the variants on such a breakup: the Southern commuter services could be split into three groups, each commercially distinct. Scotland could run (and subsidise) its own railways. A revived Great Western could subcontract its Devon and Cornwall or its Welsh Valley lines to local operators as do bus companies at present. It could franchise its Thames Valley commuter lines, or take particular pride in running better ones than commuter companies elsewhere in the Home Counties. Most companies would have access to a London terminal. Some could even be truly competitive: a Fenchurch Street company might

our-perform an East Anglian company service into Liverpool Street from Southend. There is no reason why such companies should not negotiate subsidies either with central or local governments. This already takes place between BR and many counties and cities. Subsidy is a red herring in rail privatisation. But railway assets should not be sold to those who do not intend themselves to run the trains. If ever government wished to create a monster, it would be a "public-sector track authority", a corporation dominated by engineers, bureaucrats and unions, able to saddle train operators with what would be roughly 40 per cent of their costs at will.

Railways are a service with strongly monopolistic features, including reliance on expensive pathways. They are not like airlines or buses whose pathways are mostly free to the operator. Train operators need to be able to control all their costs, subject to safety requirements. They will supply a better service the closer they are to their customers, be they commuters, long-distance passengers or even parcels and freight users. Never, except perhaps in wartime, was there a need for this industry to be nationally owned and administered - a truth that most other countries are discovering, including those with far less efficient railways than BR

Britain's railways have been well-prepared for privatisation. High-speed rolling stock is ordered or in place. Costs have been slashed. New markets have been tapped in what is bound to be an expanding industry. The only menace is an over-centralised bureaucracy and meddling ministers (and shadow ministers). John Major is reportedly in favour of a regional break-up. He should have the courage to stand out against the corporatist and Treasury interests that are now envelop-

ing him in Downing Street. Forget what the Great Western Railway may have been in its declining years, forget the Great Eastern's lack of dividends, or the Late and Never Early Railway. Think only what such companies might be in the future, properly structured, launched with enthusiasm and backed by shareholder/ passengers. This is by far the most exciting privatisation of them all - if it is not renationalisation by another name.

LIMITING LLOYD'S LOSSES

When Lloyd's of London was plagued by scandals in the 1980s, its initial reaction was to roll into a ball like a hedgehog under threat, hoping the attackers would go away. It eventually acceded to the tougher regula. tion against fraud imposed on it by the Lloyd's Act. But it refused to modernise its other archaic working practices. As long as decent profits were being made (they broke records) and new members were joining the market (they clamoured to be admitted), Lloyd's saw no need to. Only now that members are quening up to leave has Lloyd's at last conceded that radical change there must be. But if the conversion stems from a commercial rather than a moral imperative, it is none the less welcome.

The task force that reported its proposals for reform yesterday was set up by Lloyd's as a response to the dwindling of the market's capital due to heavy underwriting losses and the expected flight of its members. Lloyd's underpins its insurance underwriting business with money pledged by members (known as names). The attrition of names, a few even facing personal bankruptcy, looks serious: around 4,000 last year out of a total of 26,500 have decided to pull out. Membership of Lloyd's used to carry a cachet; now it is seen by some as a hideous liability. One family of four members has been faced with a £500,000 bill, and there is

worse to come.

The way the market works now, names are given far less information about the risks they are underwriting than ordinary shareholders, even though they stand to lose far more. Shareholders can lose only the money they paid for the shares themselves. But the unlimited liability under which Lloyd's operates means that names can lose everything they possess, down to their shirts and cuff-links.

How was Lloyd's allowed to get away with such secrecy for so long? The fault lies at least

partly with the names themselves. For too many years, they thought they had discovered the City equivalent of a free hunch. Like property speculators in the housing boom of the 1980s, they saw Lloyd's as a one-way bet. In return merely for promising to put money into their syndicates if ever it was needed in order to cover an annual loss, they earned a steady income: and provided the insurance market was in profit, they could invest the same money elsewhere. For 21 consecutive years, Lloyd's as a whole made a profit. Members' pledges were hardly ever called in, so the money worked twice over for them. Their Lloyd's income was icing to go on top of the interest their money earned from other investments. As long as this money pump worked, they were disinclined to question the

marker's mechanisms. Now that members are having to write cheques rather than bank them, they are starting to face up to the grave implications of unlimited liability. They are demanding more information about the syndicates they are backing. The task force report will provide little succour to those hit by the present losses; its proposals will not come into force until the underwriting year of 1993 at the earliest. But if all members, as suggested, then subscribe to a stop-loss scheme to limit their liability to a fixed sum, and if the less wealthy names are forced to spread their risks over a number of syndicates, the next downturn in the insurance cycle will lead to more containable losses.

Markets go down as well as up. That is one of the inescapable features of capitalism. But so, regretably, is the refusal of many investors to learn from the past. If the risk faced by names can be limited in future, at least some personal tragedies will be avoided. By bringing its standards of disclosure in line with those in other financial markets, Lloyd's of London, once the pride of the City, may once again be seen as a great British asset.

DIPLOMATIC INFLATION

The European Community's recognition of Slovenia and Croatia will give an immediate boost to house prices in Ljubljana and Zagreb as officials from a dozen foreign ministries scour the towns for suitable embassy premises. This promises to be an expensive year for the world's diplomatic corps. With the break-up of Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union two countries have, in linle over four months, effectively divided into 21, almost all clamouring for recognition and for resident ambassadors.

The EC's largest member, with cash to spare and new muscles to flex, is happy to oblige: Germany could hardly wait to hoist its flag and affix its crest above the doors of its new embassies. But Ireland and Luxembourg will be hard-pressed to find the resources for one more embassy, let alone

another 19. Britain also has little cash to spare. The thrust of Treasury-dictated retrenchment in recent years has been to withdraw from countries where a physical presence on the ground makes little sense, politically or commercially. Making a virtue out of necessity, the Foreign Office is now suggesting its diplomats should ride piggy-back in , parts of the former Yugoslavia and the former Soviet Union. Of all Britain's EC partners, Germany is the most receptive to giving the British Foreign Office a lift.

Sharing embassies in far corners of the world is not a new idea. The French and Germans had grandiose plans a decade ago for a joint mission in Ulan Bator, an outpost so remote that it is said one British ambassador used to go down to the station every week to meet the train from Moscow in case anyone interesting was on it. Unfortunately the Quai d'Orsay discovered at the last minute that the Franco-German scheme, involving a joint diplomatic staff, was unconstitutional as only a French citizen can represent the French president.

Nor is it uncommon for embassies to help friends who are unrepresented: Britain's embassy in Angola is of particular importance because there is no American representation. After the Gulf war it was Soviet embassy officers in Baghdad who visited British citizens in prison. Current proposals go further, and involve pooling buildings, infrastructure, transport and even consular services - though obviously not trade promotion as long as EC members compete for business.

This makes sense, but is very different from establishing European Community embassies. Such a step, in the absence of a common foreign policy far more developed than that agreed at Maastricht, is nonsensical. That would imply a fully federal EC union, with an integrated EC diplomatic service, while the shared facilities now proposed to keep costs down in Yugoslavia and the Commonwealth of Independent States are a pragmatic step towards greater co-operation. Walking before running is the right way forward from Maastricht.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Parliament and the right to silence

real truth is but to ascertain objective

truth in so far as the parties care or

choose to present it, the function of

the judge being that of an umpire to

see that each side observes the rules

Ordinary citizens - and in the

present instance the members of the

House of Commons - who are not

too steeped in ancient and outworn

legal rules should make up their own

minds whether these rules are in any

way necessary for the protection of

the innocent Because it is the

innocent whom we must protect: our

duty towards the guilty is to ensure

fairness and justice. And as I have

repeatedly said, the innocent and

injured as well as the guilty are also

That great and famous criminal

judge, Mr Justice Stephen, took the

view that the right to silence is

inimical to justice. And the most

famous liberal law reformer, Jeremy

Bentham, called the rule against self-

one of the most pernicious and irrational

rules that has ever found its way into the

human mind ... if all criminals of every class had assembled and framed a system after their own wishes, is not this rule the very first they would have established for

The idea that Parliament would be

violating some sacred constitutional

principle if they insisted upon trying

to ascertain the truth is simply legal

Sir, Lord St John of Fawsley argues

eloquently in favour of Parliament's

right to jeopardise the chances of Messrs Kevin and Ian Maxwell

One might have more sympathy

for his argument if Parliament had

not already surrendered so many of

its powers to the European Commu-

nity. The House of Commons cannot

have it both ways. If it chooses to

transfer its authority to external

bodies, it must expect to lose its

privileges — and the respect in which it is held — in the process.

Sir, Am I unduly cynical in believing

that Robert Maxwell has been tried

issues. An expert group will be

The council also wanted further

consideration to be given to the

ethical aspects of the trial. As your

article says, the group appointed by

the council to advise on these matters

has now reported. However, the

proposed use of tamoxilen as an

agent for prevention of breast cancer

has not yet received the necessary

approval from the regulatory au-

thority. Any MRC funding would of

course depend on that being given.

Our careful consideration of the

ethics and the design of the trial and

the associated studies - necessary 10

ensure that a clear outcome in terms

of benefits, risks and costs will be

obtained - have not contributed to

As your article rightly says, more

women die of breast cancer in the

UK than in any other country. Hence our concern to give full

consideration to all the issues raised by the trial before it gets under way.

the delay.

Yours sincerely.

January 8.

DAI REES, Secretary,

20 Park Crescent, W1.

Medical Research Council.

meeting the applicants shortly

resolve the remaining problems.

entitled to fairness and justice.

incrimination

hyperbole.

Yours truly,

January 15.

SHAWCROSS.

House of Lords.

From Mr Richard Ritchie

receiving a fair trial.

Yours faithfully,

RICHARD RITCHIE,

From Mr David H. Walton

and his sons found guilty?

36 Dault Road, Wandsworth, SW18.

Yours truly, DAVID WALTON,

10 St Guthlac's Close.

Crowland, Lincolnshire,

and answer the question "howzat?"

From Lord Young of Graffham

Sir. I appeared before a select committee in 1982, within a few days of being appointed chairman of the Manpower Services Commission. Over the remainder of the decade I appeared from time to time before the public accounts, the trade and industry and the employment committees. I developed a healthy respect for the work of them all, even if I were to end profoundly disagreeing with the trade and industry committee's report on Rover.

At their best the committees perform an excellent check on departments and the actions of ministers and civil servants. They can, and do, investigate gaps in our legislation and practice. Out of their work comes the impetus for reform. They should investigate the conduct of pension funds to ensure that the regrettable events of the recent past do not recur, and make recommendations. But there is a limit.

I have to take issue with Lord St John of Fawsley in his article today, headed "There is no right to silence", dealing with the refusal of the Maxwell brothers to testify to the social security committee. He cannot argue that because charges have not been laid they cannot claim the benefit of the sub judice rule.

If that were the case, why are so many inspectors' reports held up until it is clear that there will not be any prosecution? How can he guarantee that evidence in camera would remain confidential until any trial? What is at stake here is the right of the individual to a fair trial; what is at risk is the emergence of trial by public opinion.

Let the committee investigate pension funds. Let it produce a report and if action is required then time should be found for the necessary legislation. But let the administration of justice be the prerogative of the courts. That is what Magna Carta was all about.

YOUNG. House of Lords. January 15.

From Lord Shawcross, QC

Sir, I respectfully agree with Lord St John of Fawsley. A great deal of nonsense has been talked about the so-called "basic constitutional right" to silence. There is no such thing.

The practice in the criminal courts arose from the 18th-century rule that a defendant was not allowed to give evidence in his own defence. If it ever had any ethical foundation it has not now and has simply become part of the practice which treats criminal trials as a kind of game in which the object is not, as in most foreign jurisdictions, to discover what the

Breast-cancer drug trial From the Secretary of the Medical Research Council

Sir. The accusations of delay in deciding whether to fund the proposed trial of tamoxifen in the prevention of breast cancer in women judged to be at high risk (article, "Time to save lives", January are ill-founded.

The trial would involve the administration of a drug on a daily basis to healthy women — so those taking the drug will be reminded daily that they are at risk. The psychological effects of this need to be taken into account. The trial also raised a number of complex ethical and other scientific issues which needed to be properly considered and debated before it was launched.

The proposal was submitted to the Medical Research Council in January 1991 and considered by the relevant committees at their next meetings in the spring. The council considered that the trial should include an evaluation of the effects on quality of life and a cost-benefit analysis of introducing the treatment. A revised proposal was considered in the autumn and was judged not to deal adequately with these

Patients in waiting

Sir, Dr Andrew Baker's difficulties

(letter, January 1) in obtaining the

emergency admission to hospital of

very ill patients are highly disturbing

and quite unacceptable in a modern

health service. None should disagree

that urgent action is necessary to rectify the situation he describes.

that our European partners enjoy

better health-care systems, and that

by increased funding we might

emulate them. Ours is the only

country which has well developed

primary health care, by which the

entire population has free and open

access to caring general practitioners

Also, few who have experienced the

However, I question his suggestion

From Mr D. L. Crosby

financial penalties and uneven quality of health care in other countries retain doubts about the superiority of our own National Health Service. Indeed, discussion at Maastricht about a European health service on the lines of our own would have been just as pertinent as all the turmoil

over the social charter. The NHS is far from perfect and needs to be more efficient as well as better funded. But it would be .vrong to conclude that other countries have obtained better health care provision simply because they spend more money on it.

Yours faithfully. D. L. CROSBY (Consultant surgeon), University Hospital of Wales. Heath Park, Cardiff.

Prayer neglect

From Mr C. A. A. Kilmister

like Dr Baker.

Sir, The comparative neglect of the Form of Prayer and Thanksgiving set out in the Book of Common Prayer to be used on the anniversary of the sovereign's accession was discussed recently by leaders of the Prayer Book movement (letters. January 1)). It was claimed that some bishops have, in recent years. been unwilling to commend the service for use in parish churches Even some of our cathedrals are neelectful too.

As this year marks the 40th anniversary of the accession the Prayer Book Society is urging all members of the Church of England to use whatever influence they have to bring about the use of these prayers on the actual anniversary (February 6) and on the following Sunday also.

This would be the best possible way for the nation to respond to the appeal of the Queen herself, during her Christmas broadcast, for the prayerful support of all her people. Yours faithfully.

C. A. A. KILMISTER (Chairman). The Prayer Book Society. St James Garlickhythe. Garlick Hill, EC4.

Getting tough with the polluters From Mrs Ann Taylor, MP for

Perry Barr (Labour)

Sir, It is good news for all concerned with industrial safety and environmental matters to read in The Times (report, January 13) of the attitude of Dr David Slater, the Director of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution. as set out in the tough guidelines he

The weapon of publicity is an important means of ensuring the top management of a company at boardroom level take these issues seriously.

their own security? Innocence claims the right of speaking, as guilt invokes the privilege of silence.

My Bill does not cost the taxpayer a penny and there is abundant evidence that companies more and more wish to use the annual report and their "green" policies for public ees and the wider public about their actual performance. Dr Slater needs all the help he can get. I hope the government will not block my Bill and seek to give Parliament the opportunity to assist Dr Slater and those members of top management who want to take these issues really

JEFF ROOKER, House of Commons.

From Mr Jeff Rooker, MP for

has sent his local inspectors.

Today, in Law Times, Henry Witcomb sets out the background to my private member's Bill on Corporate Safety and Environmental Information which is down for second reading on Friday.

It is a great pity that on returning to the Commons this week I have been informed by Department of Trade and Industry minister, John Redwood, that his department is un-able to support my Bill and sees no value in any discussion. I still at this point do not know the view of the Department of the Environment which, as expounded by ministers in the past, has been that companies should tell the world about their performance on these issues and not just their policy via the annual report to shareholders.

relations exercises but stop short of wanting to tell shareholders, employ-

Yours January 14.

Dewsbury (Labour) Sir. Michael McCarthy reports that Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution is resolved to increase the number of prosecutions of polluting companies. An increase in prosecutions is of course to be welcomed, given the inspectorate's marked reluctance to take polluters to court,

preferring instead the gentle art of persuasion. But the principle of making the polluter pay cannot be allowed to be seen as the inspectorate granting "licences to pollute". The fines in recent months have been derisory, and do little to genuinely deter companies from polluting our land,

> Many companies have failed even to register under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, and local authorities have no extra funds from central government to carry out their responsibilities to the environment under the Act.

> The principle of the polluter pays will not work if fines for pollution are seen by companies as a mild inconvenience, and represent a tiny percentage of the annual turnover. In these circumstances, a fine may be seen as a price worth paying, in order to avoid investment in clean technologies, environmental auditing, and cleaning up a company's overall performance.

> Pollution control must include a rigorous system of deterrence for polluters, to make polluting production methods more costly than the environmental best option, and must have a genuinely integrated control system which only an environmental protection executive, as proposed by Labour for many years, will provide.

Yours sincerely. ANN TAYLOR (Shadow minister for environmental protection). House of Commons. January 13.

Planning for Olympics From Dr Rod Hackney

Sir. The suggestion which the president of the Royal Institute of British Architects made (letter, December 21) for a design panel for the Manchester Olympic bid should be supported. Although some of the competitors already have design panels well in place and indeed have architects and planners as part of their main committees, in Brazil,

Berlin, Peking and Istanbul, Man-

chester has an advantage in that it has been consulting with good local architects, both during this bid and the previously failed bid when Atlanta succeeded. In Japan, when Atlanta was chowhat many saw as the favourite, Athens, it was clear from the six competitors that this was no longer a matter solely of sport but one that encompassed design, town

planning, job opportunity and job creation and economic revitalisation: all attributes that Manchester could take advantage of in its bid for the Olympic Games in 2000.

Public relations, presentation and lobbying of world leaders are also part of the process and it is good to see the prime minister taking the first steps in associating himself with this

British bid (report, Sport, December

Of those Tokyo finalists Belgrade failed simply because it could not present an economically viable case. Toronto failed because of the stigma associated with the huge debt attached to the Montreal Olympics: Melbourne, which probably had the best architectural scheme, could not overcome the isolationism of the Australian bid. Athens failed miserably in not appreciating the need to have decent security at its airport and rested its whole case on historic proceedings, which were not enough.

Atlanta, through Andrew Young. its former mayor and at one time the US ambassador to the United Nations, was able to present the case for black America and steal the show with a presentation that left many aghast at his audacity. It included a choir of youngsters epitomising the opportunity for inner-city revival if the Olympics came to Atlanta, and

indeed they will in 1996. Manchester learned a lot from that trial run. It can now win if it gets the support.

Yours faithfully, ROD HACKNEY, St Peter's House, Windmill Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Heritage appointment

From Mr Jocelyn Stevens

Sir, In the course of my interview with Simon Tait (report and article, January 15) we did indeed have a brief word about my impending appointment as chairman of English

Contrary to the views I apparently expressed, I am finding as I get to know English Heritage that there is evidence of a great willingness to face up to tough economic decisions and to solve the organisational problems inevitably associated with the administration of a major national public body with a role that touches so many people's lives.

Everyone at English Heritage is aware that it has an "image" problem. Given that, the management and the staff in no way deserve all of the criticisms that your correspondent attributed to me.

Yours etc., JOCELYN STEVENS. English Heritage. Fortress House. 23 Savile Row, W1

Weighing in

From Mr John H. Dover Sir. Professor Birley's letter (January

13) reminds me of an occasion in the early Fifties when my late father, who was rather portly, my mother, my nine-year-old younger brother and I were travelling by British European Airways to Majorca and the baggage was somewhat overweight.

My father, being of a negotiating turn of mind, asked whether an allowance ought not to be made for the low weight of the small children. "Certainly sir", came the reply, "provided we may make an appropriate excess charge for yourself' Yours faithfully,

J. H. DOVER. 9 Greenhili Avenue, Giffnock, Glasgow.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5046.

Port entry delays

From Mr Robert H. Foster

January 10.

Sir. During the course of a recent car journey to Switzerland and back, I crossed from one country to another on six occasions. At the first five frontiers, the delay was one minute or less. At the sixth, re-entry on January 4 into England at Dover, it took 38 minutes to cover the 400 yards from ship's gangplank to having our passports checked.

From experience I can say that this is about the average time, but of course the time taken by those further behind in the six queues of traffic would be longer. Having just endured a long journey to the Channel, and facing another one in this country, little could be more frustrating.

Surely, in the year 1992, those responsible for controlling entry into the UK through the Channel ports should bring their procedures into line with those which have long obtained throughout the rest of Western Europe. Some of the advantage of the Channel tunnel will be lost next year if it takes 35 minutes to travel from Calais to Folkestone and then an equivalent time before one can get on the move again.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT H. FOSTER Winterburn Grange. Nr Skipton, North Yorkshire. January 6.

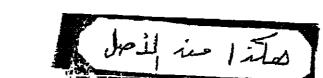
Short journeys

From Mr J. M. Batten

Sir, If Roger Freeman, the transport minister, regularly used public transport (reports, January 11, 14), he would know that British Rail has already introduced a cheap and cheerful service for typists and people under five feet tall and 12 inches wide — it's called Thameslink.

Yours faithfully. J. M. BATTEN. 5 South View, Bromley, Kent. January 14.

> Business letters, page 25 Sports letters, page 28



Nell (Agatha Helen Mary) Jenkins, editor and social

work administrator, died on

January 13 in London aged

74. She was born at Seaview.

Isle of Wight, on September

FROM her early work as a leader of the Oxford Student

Christian Movement, Nell

Jenkins went on to develop

the voluntary principle as an integral part of local govern-

ment. As organising secretary

of Age Concern Westminster.

she forged a partnership be-tween the voluntary and local

authority sector in the care of

the elderly, long before the

Conservative government

Nell Jenkins was the third

of five daughters of George

Cree, a solicitor of Gray's Inn.

and his wife Agatha, one of

the Guerrisey Careys. Her

Guernsey connection was of

great pride to her. Educated

at Sydenham High School, she read philosophy, politics and economics at St Anne's

College, Oxford. In 1938-9

she was president of the uni-

versity's Student Christian

Movement, then at a peak of

took up such ideas.

NELL JENKINS



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 15: The Prince Edward, Trustee, today gave a lunch for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 15: This afternoon The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London, attended the Presentation Day Ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall and was received by the Chief Executive (Mr Patrick Deuchar).

This evening Her Royal Highness, Member of the Court of Assistants, the Worshipful Company of Woolmen, attended the

KENSINGTON PALACE

January 15: The Princess of Wales. Colonel-in-Chief. The Royal Hampshire Regiment, re-ceived Brigadier Robert Long, Colonel of the Regiment, at Kensington Palace. Her Royal Highness, Pauron.

National Aids Trust, attended a Board Meeting at Euston Tower. 286 Euston Road, London NW1. Mr Patrick Jephson was in

Today's royal

engagements The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the London Symphony Chorus, will attend the Beethoven concert at the Barbican Centre at 7.30. The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund. will open Ross Young's new factory in Grimsby at 11.15; as Patron of the Butler Trust, will visit HMP Lincoln at 2.30; and, as President of the British Olympic Association, will attend a fundraising concert at the City Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne, at

University news

Dr K.J. Beven, Reader in the Environmental Science Division. to a personal Chair in Hydrology and Fluid Dynamics. Dr W.J. Davies, Reader in the

Biological Sciences Division to a Physiology.

Dr J.G. Bremner. Senior Lecturer

in the Psychology Department, to a Readership in Developmental Psychology.
Dr J.H. Brooke. Senior Lecturer in the History Department, to a Readership in the History of

Dr K.C. Jones. Lecturer in the Environmental Science Division. to a Readership in Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology. Mr R.N. Keat, Senior Lecturer in the Philosophy Department, to a Readership in Social Philosophy. Dr J.S. Rodwell, Director of the Unit of Vegetation Science, to be Honorary Reader in the Biologi-

Livery Dinner at Painters' Hall. Little Trinity Lane. London EC4. Mrs Andrew Feilden was in

Birthdays today

Mr Colin Banks, graphic designer, 60; Sir Alastair Blair, former Writer to the Signet, 84: Air Marshal Sir Robert Craven, 76: Sir Robin Dunn, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 74: Professor Sir Peter Hirsch, metallurgist, 67: Sir Jack Layden, former chair-man, Association of Metropolitan Authorities, 66: Professor Elaine Murphy, professor of psycho-geriatrics, 45; Mr R.L. Ormond, director, National Maritime Mu-seum, 53; Miss N.S. Peppard, race relations consultant, 70; Mr K.H. Shackleton, artist and naturalist, 69; Professor Sir Frederick Stewart, geologist, 76; Lord Thornson of Monifieth, 71; Mr Cliff Thorburn, snooker player, 44; Miss Christine Truman, ten-nis player, 51; Lady Vaizey, art critic, 54; Professor Sir William Wade, QC. former master. Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, 74; Mr James Watson. executive-chairman. National

Royal Navy appointments

Freight Consortium. 57:

CAPTAIN: R F Sherciiff - Staff of FO Portsmouth 3.2.92
COMMANDER: E A Bowker - Montrose 16.6.92: M G R Hawke - QHM Gloraltar 7.7.92: R Kirkwood - SA Copenbagen 14.2.92: D J Knight - Heron 7.7.92. M G Lane - Invincible 27.4.92: R Liddlard MOD Dounresy 12.6.92: C A Scott - Staff of FOSF 3.3.92: I Turner - Roebuck in Cmd 14.2.92

in Cmd 14 2.92 CHAPLAIN: M T P Foulds - Cochrane 24.2.92: B K Hammett - York 17 3.92; C Jarman - R M Poole 18.2.92; C J Luckrait - BRNC 3.3.92

SURGEON CAPTAIN: P J Truesdale COMMANDER: T.R. MacDonald - 8.4.92: R.C. Nicholson - 1 | 4 92; W.G. Samways -114 92 CHAPLAIN: P J Jackson - 17.4.92

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.M. Bertlin

between Piers Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.P. Bertlin, of Bletchingley, Surrey, and Alison Mary, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs I.C.S. Normand, of

Mr A.A.M. Buckham

and Miss R. Long
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs A.H. Buckham, of Cardew. Alresford Hampshire, and Rebecca, elder Kensington, London, and the late.

Mr G. Chertavian

The engagement is announced between Gerald, younger son of Dr and Mrs L. Chertavian, of Lowell, Massachusetts, and Kate, younger daughter of Mr Guy Smallwood, of Child Okeford, Dorset, and the late Mrs A.C.

Mr D. Cowe and Miss D. Ward

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr P. Cowe, of Ingleby Barwick, Stockton on Tees, and Ms R. Sykes, of Yarm, Cleveland, and Deborah, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Ward, of High Barnes,

Mr R.G. Darwin

and Miss L Nagel
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Erasmus Darwin, of Kensington, London, and Irene, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hans-Jürgen Nagel, of Eime by

Lieutenant J.H. Dible, RN and Miss S.E. Redman

The engagement is announced etween James, son of Mr and Mrs M.J. Dible, of Bourne End. Buckinghamshire, and Susan. daughter of Commander and Mrs J.R. Redman, of South Zeal,

Mr G.D.B. Elles

and Miss E.M. Waite The engagement is announced between George, younger son of the late Commander and Mrs D.H. Elles, of Inveraray, Argyll, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr I. Waite, of Truro, Cornwall. and Mrs Treffry, of Lostwithiel,

Cornwall Mr O.H.F. Harwood

and Miss H.J.H. Visick The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of Mr and Mrs R.F. Harwood, of Washbrook. Suffolk, and Helen. daughter of Dr J.H. Visick and Mrs A.K. Visick, of Norwich. Norfolk

Mr A. Howard Harrison and Mrs G. Brenner

The engagement is announced between Anthony Howard Harrison, of Plymouth, South Devon, and Phyllis Selina Brenner, of Torquay, South

Devon. Dr I.J. Hughes and Miss S.K.B. Nichols The engagement is announced between lan, elder son of Mr and Mrs E. Hughes, of Stratfordupon-Avon, and Sarah, daughter of Dr and Mrs J.B. Nichols. of Stibbard, Norfolk

Mr P.T. Labey and Mrs H.D. Sinclair The engagement is announced

between Peter, son of Major and

Mrs T.C. Labey, of Grouville,

Jersey, and Angela, daughter of

the Right Hon Sir William and

Clark, of Box End, Mr M.T. Lock

and Miss S.M. Sheffield The engagement is announced between Michael Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Lock, of Badingham, Suffolk, and Susan Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Sheffield, of Earl Soham, Suffolk.

Mr A.R. Marsden

and Miss P.C. Bewshe Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Alan, younger son of Mr and Mrs burton, West Yorkshire, and Claire, third daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Bewsher, of Biggar,

Mr A.E.A. Mylac

and Miss R.M. Trevor-Morgan The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Mylne, of Warrer, York, and Rachel, youngest daughter of the Rev Basil and Mrs Trevor-Morgan, of sil and Mrs Trevor-Morgan, of Christchurch, Dorset.

Mr T.H. Parsons
and Miss S.L. Powys Maurice
The engagement is announced
between Timothy Holman,
younger son of Lieutenant
Commander R.H. Parsons, Royal Navy, and Mrs James Walker, both of Petersfield, Hampshire, and Sarah Louise, elder daughter of Captain M.C. Powys Maurice, Royal Navy, and Mrs Powys Maurice, of West Harting, West

Mr M.G.S. Petherick

and Miss S. Giorgis The engagement is announced herween Martin Gerald Sicefrica. elder son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Petherick, of Porth pean House, St Austell, Cornw and Speronella, only daughter of Signor and Signora Gianfranco Giorgis, of Peveragno, Cuneo.

Mr R. Pike

and the Hon G.M. Grimston The engagement is announced between Robin, youngest son of the late Thomas Pike and of Mrs Margery Pike, and Georgiana, daughter of Lord and Lady Grimston of Westbury.

Mr J.G.M. Watson and Dr K.J. Humphreys,

FFARCSI The engagement is announced between Jolyon Garron Maxwell. only son of Dr and Mrs G.M. Watson, of Holmedene, Armthorpe. Doncaster, Yorkshire, and Karen Jane. eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.P. Humphreys. of 3 Craig Court. Bridge of Allan. Stirlingshire.

Mr A.C.W. Williams

and Miss J.M.L. Berrows The engagement is announced ween Alistair, son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Williams, of Daviot, Aberdeenshire, and Judith, daughter of Professor and Mrs Desmond Burrows, of Belfast,

OBITUARIES

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR JOHN LANCASTER

Vice-Admiral Sir John Strike Lancaster, KBE, CB, director-general manpower. Royal Navy, and chief naval supply and secretariat officer, 1959-62, died on January 7 aged 88. He was born on June 26. JACK Lancaster was supply

officer in the 13,000-ton car-

rier Ocean which helped rescue survivors after the Corfu channel incident in 1946. More than 40 British sailors lost their lives when the destroyers Saumarez and Volage ran into an Albanian minefield in the Mediterra-nean more than 12 months after the second world war had ended, initiating a long and bitter dispute between the two countries. Lancaster, then aged 42, never forgot the scenes which followed as the badly burned and mutilated survivors were laid on the carrier's flight deck awaiting treatment or evacuation to hospitals on shore. Five years earlier many of

his own friends and colleagues had been lost when the cruiser Gloucester was sunk by enemy aircraft southwest of Crete on May 22. 1941. Lancaster himself had left the ship shortly before the attack, to be posted as drafting commander in HMS Victory. Portsmouth, with responsibility for sending supply personnel around the world. He was a deeply humane man, and it was said that the fate of Gloucester, which he had so narrowly escaped, caused him sleepless nights as he worried over the fate of the young men whom,



in his new job, he was daily responsible for dispatching to

the war zone. Not that Lancaster himself ever spent much time at home. The silver napkin ring on which he inscribed his postings shows a total of as many as 25 ships and shore establishments in which he served during his 40 years in

Much of his life was spent with the Fleet Air Arm which he saw develop from its earliin the navy was that of rearadmiral (personnel) at HMS lent. From there he moved to Admiralty as director-general manpower and chief naval

est days. His penultimate job Daedalus, the Home Air Command base, Lee-on-Sohis first and last post at the

the first officer to combine the two appointments. The son of a marine archi-

supply and secretariat officer

tect, Lancaster was educated at King Edward VI School, Southampton, before joining the navy in 1921 as a special entry paymaster cadet. He spent much time in the Far East as a young man. In a weak moment he had a dragon tattooed on one arm - a decision which he sometimes regretted in later years. But his love of the East was reflected by his Siamese cats, whom he named Yok See and Sing Hai after his Chinese

servants in Hong Kong.
Indeed, so fond was he of cats that when he was conducting a routine ship's inspection, it was a well known ruse among the crew to release the ship's cat at the crucial moment. His attention distracted, the aberrant crew stood a better chance of escaping retribution for any sloppiness of dress or untidiness on the messdecks.

Lancaster, small in stature and beetle-browed, was a strong upholder of naval discipline, a dedicated sailor who often opted to stay on board ship during port visits. But the fact that he told the cat story against himself testifies to his underlying toler-

ance and good humour. In retirement he became chairman of the Royal Naval Benevolent Society and a local councillor in Gosport and worked for a number of local charities. His wife died in 1980 and he is survived by his two daughters.

In 1950 Nell Jenkins was appointed by Noel Davey of the SPCK to edit View Review, a new quarterly periodical to review the main theological books of the day in a practical but scholarly style. The magazine was circulated to every Church of England incumbent and soon became indispensable reading. Her growing family became used to a kitchen table covered in proofs, paste pots and complaints of tardy copy. Mrs Jenkins edited

sex and Princeton.

often controversial activity. whenever a council was criti-On the outbreak of war, she became an ambulance driver in Stepney during the blitz, one of the most dangerous jobs open to women in the war. After her hair-raising drives in total darkness across the bomb-cratered East End, no British or foreign road subsequently held any fear for At Oxford she met and subsequently married a

Welsh theology student, Daniel Jenkins. While she retained her membership of the Church of England she played an active part in his varied career as a Congregational minister and academic theologian in Chicago, Sus-

View Review for 22 years. The magazine, unique in its field, hasband, two sons and three ceased publication shortly daughters.

after her departure in 1972. By then her family were beginning to leave home and Nell Jenkins determined to begin a full-time job. After a postgraduate course in social administration, she took up the post-war initiative of Sir Charles Norton in giving to a voluntary agency under contract centain statutory local services. Age Concern West-minster, of which Mrs Jenkins soon became organising secretary, received a direct grant from Westminster council but enjoyed considerable policy and executive autonomy in caring for what was one of the largest elderly populations in Britain. The result was frequent, usually creative, encounters with Westminster council.

Age Concern Westminster expanded rapidly under her leadership. She sought to deinstitutionalise the care of the elderly, making a special study of the crisis of retirement and pleading with "professional social workers to show more respect for the dignity of age and for the oftexpressed desire to stay at home. She would be furious



cised for "leaving the old to die alone at home". In much of this she was ahead of her time. Westminster's excellent day care centres are part of

her legacy.
Ill health prompted Nell Jenkins's retirement at the end of 1979. She devoted the rest of her life to her husband, who on his retirement from London became professor of divinity at Princeton, and to her family. She carried into old age the elegance and sense of dignity that she always sought for those in her care. She is survived by her

JOSEF NECKERMANN

Josef Neckermann, German businessman, Olympic rider and sports fund raiser, died on January 13 aged 79. He was born on June 5, 1912.

ONE of the symbolic figures of the post-war economic reconstruction of Germany. winner of six Olympic medals and founder of an institute which financed amateur sport, Josef Neckermann was country, according to recent opinion polls. "Neckermann macht's möglich" (Necker-mann makes it possible), the slogan he devised for his mail order company, became a kind of watchword for all he

He was the son of a coal merchant in Würzburg and his boyhood dream was to become a cavalry officer. But his father's early death forced him to leave school early and he served a three-year apprenticeship with a local bank. He gained further business experience in Stettin (now Szczecin) and for a while worked for an English company in Newcastle. He re-

turned to Germany in 1933. In 1935 he acquired his first business, as a result of the Nazi "aryanisation" policy, buying out a Jewish textile company in Würzburg. In 1938 he bought the Carl Joel linen mail order company in Berlin after its Jewish owner fled to Switzerland. During

Baroness Gardner of Parkes Lord Romsey, President of the Boissard Medical Research Fund.

was present at a reception held last night at the House of Lords.

Baroness Gardner of Parkes, a

The Hon William Waldegrave.

Secretary of State for Health, was

the principal guest at the annual reception of the National Associ-

Trusts (NAHAT) held last night

Service luncheon

patron of the fund, was host.

Receptions

NAHAT

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Luncheon

Rotary Chib of London

Mr Neville Shulman, Vice-Presi-

dent of the Rotary Club of London, presided at a luncheon

held vesterday at the Café Royal.

Sir Bryan Nicholson also spoke.

Sandringham ban

The Queen has barred local

charities from using the ballroom of Sandringham House in Nor-

folk for fund-raising events in a

move to tighten security.

the war he concentrated on producing clothing for the army, providing all the heavy uniforms for soldiers serving on the eastern front.

In December 1945 an American military court sentenced him to a year's hard labour for trying to start up his Würzburg company with-out proper authorisation but a second case against him was dropped. In 1948 he set up business again in Frankfurt although, as he was still not allowed to run a company, his wife, Annemarie, became its nominal head. He was able to open up his mail order company in his own name in 1951, concentrating on clothing, but offering everything from radios to refrigerators, mopeds and television sets. His policy was a

small profit on a huge turnover and as the post-war German economic surge got under way Neckermann mail order goods rapidly helped improve living standards all over the country. The business grew to provide jobs for 22.000 workers. In 1963 he founded a travel agency, NUR, which grew

to become one of the largest organisers of package air ing the cheap trips to surmy resorts which enabled Germans to become one of the most travelled nations in the world. In the same year, however, the industrialist Friedrich Flick, who had provided Neckermann with substantial financial help to start his post-war business, withdrew his capital from the mail order company. Although his family retained a majority holding, the American Morgan Guaranty Trust Company bought in heavily. Turnover was high but profits began to fall and in 1976. when the company recorded its first loss, it had to go

The earlier success of his business enabled him from the age of 39 to pursue his childhood ambition to be a top-class rider. For 20 years he was one of the best dressage riders in the world. He won a bronze medal in the individual event in the 1960 Rome Olympics, gold in the

team event in 1964 in Tokyo. gold in the team and silver in the individual in 1968 in Mexico City, silver in the team and bronze in the individual in 1972 in Munich when he rode, despite a serious injury, wearing a steel corset. He was world dressage champion in 1966 and European champion in 1965, 1967, 1969 and 1971. In 1979 he had to have a

heart, but it was not until

1981, at the age of 69, that he retired from competitive rid-His involvement in sport led him to chair the German Sport Help Institute, raising money for athletes. He called himself "the largest beggar in Germany", succeeding in persuading big business and private sponsors to provide over DM 200 million to fund the training programmes which have helped to make Germany a major sporting

The death of one of his sons, Johannes, in 1986 and of his wife from cancer in 1989 were major shocks to him. A heavy smoker for most of his life, he was diagnosed in hospital as having incurable lung cancer just before Christmas and insisted on being allowed to spend his last days at his home in Dreieich, near Frankfurt. He is survived by a son and daughter.

nation.

REAR-ADMIRAL **GRACE HOPPER**

Pamela Morton writes:

I KNEW Grace Murray Hopper (obituary, January 4) well over the past 15 years or so after meeting at a Computing Woman of the Year lunch, and was delighted when she agreed to speak to my undergraduates at Thames Polytechnic, on the first occasion in 1979. Such was the response to her nowerful speech that our student branch of the British Computer Society (the first in the UK) invited her twice more, at four year intervals, so that new generations could be be-

witched by her. Her gift for captivating undergraduates contributed enormously both to their inspiration to work with open minds in their computing ca-

reers and to their appreciation of a first class presentation with brilliant visual aids. On her last visit to Thames she explained that she was getting too tired for other kinds of events but that she appreciated the energy young people gave back to

No one at Thames will forget that tiny, commanding, white-haired, uniformed figure. The warmth of the ovations she received from vast audiences of undergraduates reflected the affection she had shown in talking directly and frankly to them. Her patience with their questions and requests for photographs with her was legendary and should be allowed to balance her undoubted combative

Archaeology

Study of early riders goes straight to horse's mouth

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

WORN teeth on the laws of horses butchered 6,000 years ago have shown that riding gineers. He was received by Mr William Darling, chairman. began some 2,500 years earlier than had been supposed. The wear was caused by the use of a bit, which a horse will habitually pull back onto its premolar teeth

The Honorary Air Commodores Horseback riding has genof the Royal Auxiliary Air Force held a luncheon yesterday at Swire House, Buckingham Gate. The Inspector General, Air Com-modore Sir Hector Monro, MP, erally been supposed to have begun in Asia around 1500BC, according to Dr David Anthony of Hartwick College, New York, and his presided and Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin was the guest of colleagues. Cavalry units first honour. Among others present appear in the armies of Meso-Marshai of the RAF Sir Michael Beetham. Air Vice-Marshals Sir John Severnet. R Riseley-Priichard and Brownon. Air Commodores the Duke of Gration. the Duke of Hamilton, Sir Mark Norman. Sir John Graham, Sir Adrian Swire. Sir Rex Hunt and John Williams and Group Captain M Tinley. potamia and its neighbours some five centuries later.

Their new evidence, from the site of Dereivka in Ukraine, shows that horse and rider had joined forces on the steppes of western Asia by 4000BC. "Riding therefore predates the wheel, making it the first significant innovation in human land trans-

Dr Dimitri Telegin of Kiev.

who describes it as a farming

hamlet on the west bank of

the Dneiper. Its inhabitants

ate a lot of horsemeat: horse

bones were more than 60 per

cent of those identified and

port," they say. Dereivka was excavated by

represented at least 52 animals yielding some 15,000lb of meat. Most had been killed at six

to eight years of age, and the high proportion of stallions suggests culling of a man-aged herd rather than random hunting of a wild population. The head and left foreleg of one stallion had been ritually buried, and may be the remains of a head and hide displayed on a pole to mark a sacred location, a common occurrence in pre-Christian Europe.

Two perforated antier obects found near by appear to be the cheekpieces which hold the ends of a bit. Measurement of the premolars of the buried stallion showed that some 3.5mm of tooth had been worn away from the front surfaces, closely matching the degree of wear found on a sample of modern horses broken to the bit. A control sample of wild horses had only a quarter as much

erosion. Dr Anthony's team say: When casts of the Dereivka premolars were examined under the scanning electron microscope, all the micro-

scopic traits of bit wear were found over the entire first cusp." Matching of the upper and lower jaws showed that poor alignment of teeth could not be the cause. "The stallion was therefore bitted: such a horse could only have been a mount. It is the first horse known to have been ridden anywhere in the world." The impact of such mobil-

ity on the prehistoric population can be gauged from parallels with the Native American acquisition of horses from the Spanish. Such people had their economic horizons suddenly widened, leading to conflict over resources and stimulating both trade and war. The dispersal of Indo-Eu-

ropean speakers from the steppe zone across much of Eurasia could have been one result of horse transport, rather than occurring 2,000 years earlier and much more slowly with the spread of the first farmers from the Middle East, as some scholars have recently proposed.

Source: Scientific American 265 No. 6:44-48A; also Current Anthropology 27: 291-313 (1986).

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Dinners

Woolinen's Company
The Princess Royal attended a
livery dinner of the Woolmen's
Company held last night at Painters' Hall and unveiled a painting ers Hall and unveiled a painting by Mr Michael Noakes to mark her admission to the company in 1988. Mr Richard V. Proctor, Master, presided and the Lord Chancellor and Dr Paul Knapman also spoke. Among

others present were:

The Masters of the PainterStainers', Wheelwrights';

Pattenmakers' and Farmers'
Companies, the Upper Bailiff of the Weavers' Company, the Masters of the Company of the Parkers ter of the Company of Merchant Taylors of York, the President of the Law Society and the President of the Chartered Institute of Bankers.

Parish Clerks' Company Prebendary A.R. Royali, Master of the Parish Clerks' Company, assisted by Mr L.L. Brace and Mr Parish Clerks' Con L.R.R. Miller, Wardens, presided at a dinner held last night at Tallow Chandlers' Hall after attending Evensong at St Mich-

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Richard Savage, poet, London, 1697; Sir Ian Ham general, Corfu, 1853; Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, actormanager, London, 1853; Andre Michelin, pioneer of mass production of motor tyres, 1853; Robert Service, poet. Preston, 1874; Ethel Merman, singer, New York: 1909.

DEATHS: Edward Gibbon, historian, London, 1794; Sir John Moore died of his wounds at the battle of Corunna, 1809; Leo Delibes, composer, Paris, 1891; Arturo Toscanini, conductor. New York, 1957: Robert Van de Graaf, physicist, Boston. Massachuseus, 1967.

ael Paternoster Royal. Mr M. Kinchin Smith and Mr W.H. Dove, Parish Clerk of St Bomlph-

without-Newgate, also spoke. ndation for Science and Technology Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Mr Peter Bonfield, Mr Geoff Morris and M Jacques Stern also spoke. Among others present were:

Viscount Caldecore, Lord Beloff, Ledy Sulterworth, Lord Flowers, Lord Taylor of Gryfe, Lord Justice Neill, Sir Francis Cratham-Smith, Sir Leonard Peach, Dr. Michael Clark, MP, Mr Tam Delyelly MP, Mr David Davis, MP, Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, Mr Tim Rathibons, MP, and Mr Tim Rathibons, MP, and Mr Tim Wood, MP. Marketing Group of Great

Mr Tim Bowles presided over the dinner held last night at the Dorchester Hotel by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The guest speaker was Sir Robert Scholey, CBE, Chairman, British

The Right Hon the Earl Attlee

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of the Right Hon the Earl Attlee will be held in St Margaret's Church: Westminster Abbey, on Thursday, January 30. at noon. Tickets are not required. All are welcome.

K.P. Obank

A memorial service for Kenneth Obank who was successively Chief Sub-Editor. Production Editor and Managing Editor of The Observer from 1945 to 1979. will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on Tuesday, January

DEATHS

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The Lord is close to those whose courage is broken; he saves those whose spirit is crusted.
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FENNING - On January 11th at 10.23 pm; to Caroline (née Dison) and Recharle. a son. Zat. William.

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HANSOM - On December 27th 1991, at 31 Thomas's Hospital, London, to Lynda (ace Morrison Smith) and David, a darighter, Sophie.

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JONES - On Monday January 15th 1992; suddenly after a short liness at Milton Keynes Hospital. Jean Rhoda, aged 65 years, of Chandacre. Two Milto Ast. Milton Keynes. A Director of Bentic Products 10th. Bletchley: Dearty loved by her daughter ladichele, son Richard. Son-In-law John. daughter in-law Rechael grandchildren Sebestian. Alemander, Jason. Joshum and Sophie and all it her her family. The finneral service will take place at 53 Nicholas Church. Potterspury: on Wednesday January 22nd at 12 noam. Family Rowers only, donablons if desired for Cancer Research to H.W. Mason & Sons. 9 High Street. URBY - On January 15th, to Jill (nee Fernie) and Richard, a son, Robert Alexander, a brother for Thomas and James. LANDMAN - On January 12th, to Anna Louise (nee Baymarn) and Rory, a son, Samuel.

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ODONE - On January 9th, to Ann. (née Cahin) and Sebastian, a son, Thomas Maximilian and a deughier, Jessica Ciare. Deo Gratiae, OJARRY - On January 3rd, in 5ill and Gareth, a son, Benjamin Sebastian Iredale.

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LAME - On Thesday January 14th 1991 14th, peacefully at The Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, John Richard, Cremation will take place at Aidershot at 10 am on Monday January 20th Any further enquiries to H.C. Patrick & Co. 1el: (0282) 714884.

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LLOYD - On January 15th
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Malden. ON THIS DAY-

Among the large crowd which was attracted to this hearing were several MPs. Considering the virulent nature of the defendant's attack it is not surprising that the jury was quick to award Mr Maskelyne £10,000.

HEAVY DAMAGES FOR LIBEL

At the Middlesex Sheriffs' Court, yesterday, the case of "Maskelyne v Bishop" was heard before Mr. Under-Sheriff Burchell and a jury. Mr. Murphy, QC, (with him Mr. Le Breton), said that in this case he appeared for the plaintiff, Mr. John Neville Maskelyne, to complain of the defendant. Mr. Washington Irving Bishop, that the latter had printed, published, and circulated a false and malicious libel concerning him and reflecting upon his person-

al and professional conduct. Mr. Murphy said that as probably many of the gentlemen of the jury were aware, Mr. Maskelyne had for many years conducted a well-known and much-appreciated entertainment at the Egyptian-hall, but at the same time he never professed to be anything more than a mere mechanical illusionist, or, in other words, a professor of legerds-main. In the course of 1882 or 1883 the defendant, Mr. Washington Irving Bishop, appeared in this country from the United States of America and claimed to be able to perform certain wondrous feats, such as the discovery of a pin, no matter where hidden or how distant, the disclosure of the numbers on a secreted bank-note, and other deeds of a similar kind. He first attracted attention at Liverpool, where he undertook to perform the operation of the discovery of a pin secreted in one of the streets of that city by a merchant of Liverpool, named Mr. William Ladyman. Some time after, Mr. Henry Labouchere, MP. who was apparently incredulous as to the genuine and bong fide nature of these or injure the defendant ...

1885 marvellous feats, offered to bet 21,000 with Mr. Bishop, but in order to prevent imposition, insisted on certain conditions; but these latter were declined by Mr. Bishop, although he was willing to accept the bet. Notwithstanding his appar-ent discomfiture by Mr. Labouchere, he held a meeting afterwards to show that he was able to carry out his promise. In June of the same year, 1883, the defendant issued a pamphlet, which he entitled "The Truth", and got up as a fac-simile of Truth (the well-known weakly jour-nal of which Mr. Labouchere is the editor and proprietor and in it published an article containing the libel now complained of. It was in these words:
"In London this dastard plot,

which will for ever cover John Neville Maskelyne and Henry Labouchere with infamy, was being hatched with the slow yet sure precision of the automaton Zoo. The plot was as simple as its villsiny: to bring the well-known and highly respected gentleman Mr. William Ledyman, to whom I am deeply grateful and for whose ss life I have the utmost admiration, to runn. The scheme was worthy of the gigantic brains of Jagoo, the plate-spinner (meaning the plaintiff), the waxwork man, and the delizious vagabond, who no doubt began to entertain visions of unlimited gratuitous refreshment. It was simply to bribe Mr. William Ladyman with a sum of money as small as the juggler's brains or morality to declare that he had been guilty of a fraud. Now, then, let John Neville Maskelyne, whom I unqualifiedly stigmatize as a man devoid of honourable instincts. bring forth this proof to which he alludes in his letter with the gorgeous crest. Let him bring it before any Court of British justice, with Jagoo waddling in his train, and I will make them groen for the day they meddled in my affairs."

The plaintiff, Mr. John Neville
Maskelyne, was then called and
examined by Mr. Le Breton. He said

there was not the slightest pretence

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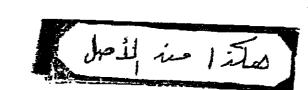
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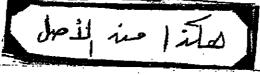
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CINDERELLA: Scottish Ballet brings its revival of Peter Darrell's production to Aberdeen, where it was premiered in 1979 This lawy tale ballet is chareographed to Rossim's music from his opera La Cenerantole in tonight's performance, up-and-coming members of the company Elspeth Shaw, Roddle Patrizio and Richard Whistier, take the principal roles, while Saturday brings Vincent Hantam's farewell performance after 16 years with

His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemouni

Viaduct, Aberdeen (0224 641122), 2pm

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TODAY'S EVENTS

☐ SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve singer-dancers whirl through the music

DRLANDO GREENWOOD: This year is the centenary of Orlando Greenwood's birth, he died only three Greenwood's birth, he died only three years ago, but stopped peinting in 1867. Behween the wars he exhibited frequently and was very well reviewed, mostly by critics who saw him as butwark against modernsm. As the same, he is distinctly modern in his clear, Faure-influenced colour and his characteristic visual shorthand for people and places. A minor figure, certainly, but well worth another look. The Bloomsbury Workshop, 12 Galen Place, London WCI (071-405 0632). Mon-Fn, 10.am-5 30pm, until Feb 6.

THE GULF BETWEEN US; The Wes Yorkshire Playhouse receives the world premiere of Trevor Griffiths's new play, subtitled The Truth and Other Fictions. Described as a "dramatic piece of magic realism", the play explores islamic and Western cultures and the parameters of civilisation, and is set parameters of crylination, and is set outside a bomb-damaged shrine in an unnamed city. The cast includes leading Palestinian actress Salva Makkarah, Auram Tikwi and Dave Hill Previews begin toright and the opening night is next Tuesday. Griffiths also directs West Yorkshire Playhouse, The Cuarry, Hill Mount, Leeds (0532 442111), 7 30pm

ALL MY SONS: Ian Bennen plays Keller, the manufacturer of taulty cylinder heads, in Arthur Miller's

masterpiece on the need for toyaftes wider than to the family David Thacker directs (see leature, page 13). Young Vt. 66 The Cut, London SE1 (071-926 6363), 7.30pm

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HALLE: The distinguished violinist Gyorgy Pauk joins the Halle to give the world premere of William Matheas's new Violan Concerto, Charles Groves conducts the concert which Includes Beathoven's "Leonora" over(ure, No 3, and Prokofiev's Symphony No 5. Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061-834 1712), 7 30pm.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Smon Rattle conducts the Francis Bacon-Inspired work The Screaming Popes by the CBSO; readent composer Mark-Anthony Turnage in a programme that also includes Mozart's Plano Concerto, K598 (with Lars Vogt) and Prokofiev' Eith Symphony. Fifth Symphony. Symphony HsR, Broad Street, Birmingham (021-212 3333), 7.30pm LONDON INTERNATIONAL MIME

LONDON INTERNATIONAL MIME FESTIVAL: In the Purcell Room, Italy's Compagnie Drammatico Vegetale continues to present its extraordinary show, Adventures of Ginocchia, where the limbs of the body become fittle personalities, white over at the ICA. Belgian group Mossour-Bonte Co. opens with The Last Heliucingtons of Lucas Cranach the Elder the murider side of medieval life as revealed in Lucas Cranach's paintings. Luces Cranach's paintings Purceti Room, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 8pm. Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mail, London SW1 (071-930 3647), Spm

Bravely into the distance

OPERA

Der ferne Klang Grand, Leeds

FRANZ Schreker's distant sound has taken a long time, very nearly 80 years, to splash onto these shores, and not even plucky Opera North is likely to assemble the resources to put it on again in a hurry. Rush, then, to catch it during these next two months. The solo performances are strong; the plushly enlarged orchestra, spilling onto the stage and even up into the flies, sounds utterly wonderful under the company's musical director Paul Daniel; and this is a cheering British debut for Brigitte Fassbaender as a director. As for the piece itself, well. Der ferne Klang may not be a great work, but it is certainly a great case.

This is, for one thing, the nearest music ever came to the world of Klimt, with the gold mosaic of harps and celesta representing the distant sound which the artist-hero Fritz hears as his ideal. There are also tantalising connections with Berg, in the opulent richness of texture and in the use of the orchestra to represent natural sounds, ranging from a xylophone skittle alley to a woodwind birdsong chorus (though a pale one beside Messiaen's). The even more striking resemblances to the plan of Lulu, with the heroine Grete moving in successive acts from homebody to star turn at a Venetian bordello to street girl, are probably the fortuitous results of Schreker's indebtedness to

the Wedekind plays.

Klimt, Berg, Wedekind: Der ferne Klang is certainly a work of its time and place, of Vienna in the first decade of the century. But to mention these names is also to raise the stakes too high, for this is an opera which not only concerns but demonstrates

artistic insufficiency, the subject matter and the substance folding into one another in the last act as Fritz's drama, which of course is the one we are watching, fails in a theatre within

the theatre. This self-reflexiveness, very similar to that of Janáček's Fate, produces one nice glimpse into the abyss of mirrors, when the Actor is made to protest that he has only been offered the role of - precisely what he is - a hack actor. But the moment is even truer than at first it seems, for the clear vision of reality and the rejection of that vision are both swooped up into the work's opaline surfaces, as if half of Schreker knew that he was writing a fraud, while the other half imagined his Fritz as behaving in the way that real artists do in deserting Life for Art.

That may be why the score veers alarmingly between Puccini and Parsifal, and why its glorious opulence, especially in the last two acts, is curiously extraneous, like a film score playing for the wrong film. It is clear that something must be making these poor people behave in such bizarre ways, but the delusions and illusions to which they are subjected are not motivated by what we hear. Schreker is the great master of the stream of unconsciousness.

The masterful projection of that stream by Daniel and his orchestra follows it all the way from defiant bathos to enchantment. A whole century of music seems to be circling close to Richard Strauss here: Schoenberg said that Der ferne Klang anticipated everything, including jazz - and, he might have added, including Philip Glass too.

The central role of Fritz is not large. since most of the time he is somewhere else chasing his distant sound. but Kim Begley makes the character tell with what he brings of tensely sprung singing and etched anxiety.

Resplendent tone and firmness of purpose Virginia Kerr as Grete

Fassbaender's production helps in what is surely a right distortion. having him at the end caressing his harp rather than Grete, still fantasising.

As Grete, Virginia Kerr careers with magnificent ease from one role to another, and flies into her rhapsodies with resplendent tone and firmness of purpose. Among the supporting cast, there are outstanding contributions from William Dazeley as the lounge-lizard Count, from Philip Sheffield as the prime sado-masochistic exhibit in the second act, from Fiona Kimm as a smouldering mix of fairy godmother

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and femme fatale (then, oddly, a cheap waitress), and from Peter Sidhom, reassuringly reliable as the only sane character around.

The production, on rather small platforms as the orchestra takes up so much room, is beautifully clear. Getting a house of pleasure on stage is always a problem, but in this opera it would probably be wrong to be convincing. Ultz's designs, with their pop-open flower lanterns and men in mild drag, look a bit under-funded. but they get the effort and the tackiness of the piece about right.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

CONCERT

Docklands Sinfonietta/ Edwards Barbican

TEN days ago on the South Bank this three-year-old orchestra seemed bursting with energy and imagination, but a little stretched trying to match its resources to its ambitions. This week, in its scintillating Barbican debut under Sian Edwards, even that problem was rectified.

Arguably, Dworak's Sixth Symphony would have benefited from an extra desk of strings all round. That would have enabled the violins, for example, to have driven the wild tune of the Furiant more effectively. But this very leanness, allied with a tremendous pungency about such matters as dynamics and attack, was what gave the performance its tautness and momentum.

Moreover, the playing - in the finale's crackling coda, especially — was admirably fearless. Performed like this, Dvořák's Sixth has a gloriously exhilarating spirit. What a pity it is so less often played than the 'New World".

THEATRE

Europeans

Battersea Arts Centre

STEPHEN Daldry, director-designate of the Royal Court, stages this

fast-forward comedy of European

manners, expectations and fish"; and

though he offers no trace of halibut or

cod, he has plenty of creative fun with

both Euro-quirks and Euro-hopes. As

I write, the show is off to Aldershot.

Colchester and other regional spots,

but it may eventually resurface in

London. I hope it does. For any

lingering cynics, the Talking Pictures

Company provides definitive proof

that mime can be unpretentious,

unrarefied, unsolemn and, above all.

All it takes is three performers.

in the symphony, Edwards's conducting was effective because she recognised that unnecessary complications merely blunt Dvorak's cutting-edge. Rightly, she imposed herself more on Ravel's Mother Goose suite, where subtle adjustments of tempo and texture are vital if this most complex of scores is to breathe. Those silky-sophisticated Ravel textures were beautifully delineated, yet there was no prissiness about the shaping of the phrases, which was bold and colourful.

Britten's Violin Concerto, written in his American years, is a notoriously tricky work to bring off. First there is the odd juxtaposition of Shostakovich-like ostinatos with almost lush lyricism; then there is that ferocious cadenza which must, despite its difficulties, also generate enough emotional weight to launch the final, Mahlerian passacaglia; and finally there is that weird obsession with the "false relation" between major and minor thirds. Tasmin Little proved well up to the technical challenges but a little unsure of the emotional territory, especially near the end where her rhapsodising over muted trombones needed more delicacy.

RICHARD MORRISON

Clarissa Malheiros, Dominique

Grandmougin and Jon Potter, and a

vast desk behind which they can

disappear and instantaneously

change clothes and nationalities.

That is enough to evoke a conference

hall in Strasbourg, a concrete Oz

invaded by delegates from some

unnamed country in the newly lib-

They scuttle onstage in their shabby

greys, chattering and beadily sniffing

the high-tech atmosphere like squir-

rels escaped from the forest. Alter-

nately dazed and gleeful, stricken and

sly, they are confronted with fake-

helpful bureaucrats and un-

comprehending translators, even an

officious Italian who incurs their leader's baffled ire when she grabs a

fag from his mouth. The detail is

precise, the tenor always clear. The

contrast between the bald, guileless

emotions of the visitors and their

La Fille mal gardée Covent Garden

THERE is yet another Russian guest at the Opera House this week, and an unexpected one: Yuri Torchinsky, orchestra leader. He is playing with the Royal Ballet Sinfonia which (its success at the Wembley Turandot still fresh in mind) has taken over the Covent Garden pit all this week while the house orchestra enjoys its midseason break.

John Lanchbery's arrangements for La Fille mal gardee sounded fresh and lively under Barry Wordsworth's direction on Monday, when a largelynew group of principals appeared onstage, although with David Bintley's familiar, anxiously cheerful Widow Simone to cluck and fuss over them.

For Fiona Brockway and Tetsuya Kumakawa, this was their first time. in the leads of a big ballet. Brockway's Lise is a brisk, lively creature, full of jokes and busily reacting to everything that happens. Not much depth of emotion, nor a lot of subtlety in musical response, but everything crisp, sharp and shiny. Kumakawa as

Colas has an impressive jump and pulled out some amazing pirouettes: not so brilliant, perhaps, in the small beaten steps, and not much of an actor at all, although he applied himself conscientiously and smilingly to all the gestures. It must be a long time since Alain.

the silly rival for Lise, danced his comic solo with such flair and sensitivity as Iain Webb gave it Done so stylishly, it becomes at the same time funnier and, by emphasising the character's vain hopes, more moving. David Drew is growing into a pleasingly bluff, hearty Thomas, and Stephen Wicks makes all that is needed of the village notary without the affected exaggeration that has sometimes been allowed to creep into that role lately. Apropos of which, I wish I knew who is responsible for a cheap joke that seems now to have become enshrined in this production, whereby Colas is supposed to know exactly what Lise was thinking about

their marital prospects while he was

hiding under the wheatsheaves. Ash-

ton originaly left this scene much

more delicately ambiguous, and both

characters were more attractive in

consequence.

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hosts' everyday unastonishment is particularly well caught.

Critics tend to develop armpits about as ticklish as crocodile skin: and seldom laugh as much as the less gnaried folk usually seated around them. Yet I had forcibly to stop myself sobbing with mirth, for fear of embarrassing myself and those beside me. That was when the apparaichiks bustled in for a morning meeting, only to hear Transylvanian snorts; coming from the desk and a lost Balkan blearily crawling from beneath. But there were several mo-

ments almost as hilarious. The politically correct may wonder if our country-cousin Easterners aren't being patronised for their primitivism. Pitied for their gullibility and trust would, however, be nearer the truth. There is a nice scene in which they conscientiously replace a Western coin they have found with

piles of the worthless banknotes communism has left them; and the denouement still more pointedly illustrates their need and our ungenerosity. Despite a doddering plea for charity from one of the Common Market's founders, the voice of privileged insularity prevails, and the trio is sent back to its forest.

The mood abruptly changes. Off come the battered civilian hats, on go the dark glasses. Nationalist sones are heard, as is the sound of tanks. The desk divides into parody armoured cars, which trundle over the stage. The moral for Eurofanatics is obvious, as it is for mimesceptics. Comic these skilfully portrayed blunderings may have been: trivial they are not.

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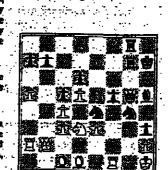
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10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays (3827055) to 10.25 Stoppit and Tidyup (r) (7279500) 10.35 No Kidding, Family quiz game show (s) (1264933)

11.00 News, regional news and weather (3519023) 11.05 Cashwise. Gloria Humafterd with schice on maximising savings and making the most of the January sales (7719239)

11.30 People Today presented by Miram Stoppard and Adrian Mills includes news, regional news and weather at 12.00 (8271897) includes news, regional news and weather at 12.00 (8271897)

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1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (13376090) 1.50 Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz with European contestants. The questionmaster is the urbane Henry Kelly (49803846)

2.15 Filias Not Now, Comrade (1976) starring Lesse Phillips and Roy Kinneer. Harniess farce about a Russian ballet dancer who defects to Britain pursued by the KGB and a strip-tease dancer, a combination that brings chass to genteel suburbia. Directed by Harniel Stopped and Roy Company of the Roy Company of the Roy Combiners of the Britain pursued by the KGB and a strip-tease dancer, a combination that brings chass to genteel suburbia. Directed by

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3.40 Carbons starting Popey's (8443603) 3.50 Melvin and Maureen's Musical series for the young (s) (6562351) 4.65 Jacksmory. Charlotte Coleman with part four of Joan Allen's story Night Birds on Naintucket (9777581) 4.20 The Further Adventures of SuperTed. Carloon (r) (1884448) 4.36 Kevin's Cousins. Episode two of the six-part cornedy drama (s) (9191500) Cousins. Episode two of the six-part comedy drama (s) (9191500)
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5.35 Neighbours. (r). (Ceefax) (s) (354332) Northern Ireland: Inside

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6.30 Regional News Magazines. (351) Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Top of the Pops (s) (9239).
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (535)
8.00 Last of the Summer Wins. Compo. Clegg and Foggy are persuaded to dribble for charify with Compo and Clegg passing the bell between them under the supervision of a responsible person — Foggy. Starring Brian Wilde, Peter Salfis and Bill Owen (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1887)
8.30 The Brittas Empire. Comedy series starring Chris Berrie as the enthusiastic and infursting manager of a council leisure centre. The local suthority is concerned about the fall in attendance at the centre and dispatches an inspector to find out why. (Ceefax) (s) (3622)

9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Democrats 9.10 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (441974)



Robbed of his identity. Jeff Bridges with Clint Eastwood (9.40pm)

9.40 Film: Thursderbolt and Lightfoot (1974) starring Clint Eastwood and Jeff Bridges. Heatic, furiny and violent crime caper about a drifter who joins forces with a bank robber to recover the spoils from a bank heist. Written and directed by Michael Cimino who went on to make the successful The Deer Hunter before coming a cropper with the notoriously expensive Heaven's Gate. (Ceelax) (657581)

11.30 Spenser For Hire. Adventures of a Boston private eye. Spenser tries to reunite a 19-year-old Texan with her irresponsible father. Starring Robert Urich and Melissa Leo (942351) 12.20am Weather (6018543)

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8.00 Breakfast News (1453516) 8.15 Westminster (5177245) 2.00 Dayline on 2. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather (18501516) followed by You and Me. Series for four and five-year-olds (r) (70943210)
2.15 Advice Shop, The first of a new series of the consumer magazine,

presented by Helen Madden and Jacqui Herper (7549413)

3.00 News and weather (4827887) followed by Westminster Live, introduced by Vivian White (6623264) 3.50 News, regional news

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4.36 Comm.— A Living Death. The medical expertise needed in
dealing with victims of serious head injuries (r) (448)

5.00 Behind the Headthres presented by Tony Banks, MP, and Jeffrey
Archer (3245) 5.30 Food and Drink (r) (e) (500)

6.00 Films Big Top Pee wee (1988) starring Pee-wee Herman, Kris Kristofferson and Penelope Anne Miller. Comedy about a farmer who develops big top fever when a travelling circus is blown on to his land during a freek storm. Directed by Randal Kleiser (1633326) Wales: Play it Safe 6.30 Deutsch Direkt 6.55 Fest Feests 7.00-8.00 Great Britons

7.20 Animation Now (276603) 7.30 First Sight: Members of Europe. Jonathen Beale reports from Strasbourg, Brussels and the south-east constituencies of Euro MPs John Stevens and Carole Tongue. East: Matter of Fact; Midlands: Midlands Report; North, North-east and North-west.

Close Up North; Southern Eye, South-west: Western Approach; West: Current Account (177)

8.00 The Tweed. Weish rugby hero Gareth Edwards visits the Tweed to fish the finest salmon pool in Europe (9429)

8.30 Perpetual Motion: The Avro Shacideton.

© CHOICE: The Shackleton was launched in 1951 and for 40 years it was flown by RAF crews in the front line of the cold war. Most of it was flown by RAF crews in the front line of the cold war. Most of the contributors to Andrew Johnston's film are affectionately rude. They love the plane white brancing it noisy, smelly, cold and ugly. One RAF man, coming on the Shackleton for the first time in 1979, thought it was something left over from the second world war. In a sense it was. The bodyshell was a development of Avro's Lancaster bomber, which busted the German dams. The engine was the Rolls-Royce Merlin used in the last Spitfires, it hardly seemed to belong to the era of star wars and Exposts but the lumbering and unlovely craft was still in operation as late as 1991. It should have been scrapped long before but its successor, the high-tech Nimrod, was a flop. Archive film and the stirring cliches of the newsreal commentators help to stir the nostalcia. (Ceefac) of the newsreel commentators help to stir the nostalgia. (Ceefax)

(1264) 9.00 A Bit of Fry and Laurie. Another collection of wry comic observations on human nature and the universe, including coping with the social problem caused by 25,000 redundant estate agents emative employment. (Ceetax) (s) (8158)



Inside the American Gulf war cabinet: James Baker (9.30pm)

9-30 The Washington Version CHOICE: An outstanding documentary series of 1991 was the Second Russian Revolution, a history of Gorbachev's Soviet Union based on Interviews with leading political figures. The independent company responsible, Brian Lapping Associates, now presents an inside view of the Gulf conflict as seen from the United States war cabinet. Contributors include the secretary of state James Baker, defence secretary Dick Cheney, vice president Dan Queyle and the head of the armed forces Colin Powell. Other key players, such as General Norman Schwarzkopf, fill out the story. As the title of the series suggests, this is Weshington's version and must be taken as such. It is still a marvellous first hand source. Tonight's programme, the first of three being shown on successive nights, highights the difficulty of persuading Saudi Arabia to let alled troops on its soil to mount the liberation of Kuweit. Saudi suspicion of the United States ran deep and it took four days of persuasion

before King Fahd came round (22603)

10.30 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Democrats

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11.25 The Lata Show. Arts and media magazine (496142)
12.05am Behind the Headlines (1) (4909291)
12.35 Weather (3905833) TIV.

6.00 TV-am (6632790) 9.25 Keynotes. Music quiz game hosted by Alistair Divall (6236784) 9.55 Thames News (6901210) 18.00 The Time... The Place... John Stapleton chars a topical

discussion (5128974)

10.40 This Morning. Family magazine series (3212429)

12.10 The Riddlers. Puppet series for children (9534325)

12.30 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (5192142) 1.10

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2.20 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond looks behind the scenes of popular ITV

and Channel 4 programmes (75088041) 2.50 Take the High Road. Soap set in the Highlands (9907595)

3.15 ITN News headlines (4837264) 3.20 Thames News headlines (4837264) 3.20 Thames News headlines (4834177) 3.25 The Young Doctors Drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital (6193516)
3.55 Toucan Tecs. Cartoon (r) (8360326) 4.05 Runaway Bay. Adventure series set on the Caribbean island of Martinique, starring John Woodvine and Louis Mahoney (4813361) 4.35 Dannermeuse Cartoon enhantures of a secret areat order). With Dangermouse. Cartoon adventures of a secret agent rodent. With the voices of David Jason and Terry Scott. (Oracle) (s) (9192239) 5.00 Cartoon stamng Porky Pig (1711790) 5.10 Blockbusters (6702790)

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5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with news of victim support

schemes (173142) 5.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (239) 6.30 Thames News (Oracle) (719)

7.00 Emmerdale. (Cracle) (9185)
7.30 Fresh Fields. When Hester decides it is time to prove that you are as young as you leel, William finds that he is ageing rapidly Undersanding comedy with Julia McKenzie and Anton Rodgers (r)

8.00 The Bill: Illegals. The Sun Hill force receives letters informing them of the whereabouts of illegal immigrants in the area and "Tosh" Lines is sent to arrest a couple going through a marriage of convenience. (Oracle) (3055)



Under FBI surveillance: mobster John Gotti, left (8.30pm)

8.30 This Week: The Rise and Fall of a Godfather. The story of John Goth continues with details of how the FBI inflitrated his criminal syndicate for six years, bugging his headquarters and eavesdropping on private conversations. With Gott's that due to start next week, his second in command has detected to the prosecution and is planning how he will testify against his former

9.00 Taggart: Nest of Vipers. Episode two of the three-part murder mystery starring Mark McManus as the hard-nosed Glasgow detective. The scientist helping on the case of the skulls found on an excavation site is bitten by a poisonous snake. (Oracle) (2245) 10.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Democrats

(913061) 10.10 News with Julia Somerville and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather (762264) 10.40 Thames News (638581) 10.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H (996887)

11.40 01. Includes Elaine Paige reviewing Frankie and Johnny, and a report on the play The Gigli Concert. Plus music from Simply Red

12.10am A Problem Aired. The first of a new series of the emotional counselling service (4902388)

12.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Full Disclosure. The author of a book exposing political corruption is framed for murder (6026562)

1.10 Film: The Gendamme in New York (1965) starring Louis de Frines.
One of a popular series of French comedies about an incompetent St Tropez policeman. With English subtitles. Directed by Jean Girault (670291)

3.00 The Truth About Women. Eve Poliard discusses education for women with Edwina Currie, MP, Brenda Dean and Linda Agran (86766)

3.30 Murphy's Law. Lighthearted adventures starring George Segal as an insurance investigator (r) (98456)
4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (87494) 5.00 Videofashion (r) (31727) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (79814). Ends at 6.00

cornes between two boys (450524) 2.40 Love Potion (1983) (1697253) 4.10 Paperhouse (1989): A girl's fantas become reality (8315543). Ends at 5.40

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6.00 Channel 4 Daily (6630332)

9.25 Schools (34433018)
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Nicholas Owen (13072) 12.30 Business Daity The latest financial news and analysis (51055)

1.00 Sesame Street. Early learning series (49210) 2.00 Film: Arabian Nights (1942) starring Jon Hall, Sabu and Lef Erikson. Handsome fantasy adventure about the Caliph of Baghdad who enlists a circus acrobat in an attempt to prevent his villainous half-brother from taking over the throne. Directed by

John Rawlins (834149)
3.35 Film: If a Body Meets a Body (1945, b/w) starring the Three Stooges as beneficiaries in a will (5490351)

4.00 A Brush With Art. Alwyn Crawshaw goes to Paignton zoo to

demonstrate the art of sketching animals (332)

4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley presents another round of the words and numbers game (516)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Beautiful women of a certain age explain now they have kept their looks (1963326)

5.55 Laurel and Hardy. Carloon (171784)

6.00 The Crystal Maze. Games of skill, strength and intellect presented by Richard O'Bnen (r) (s) (32974)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zemab Badawi. (Teletext)

Weather (983245) 7.50 Comment (799582)

8.00 Free for All. Viewers' videos critical of the NHS, architecture and leacher training (1697) 8.30 Vic Reeves Big Night Out Comedy sketches and music (r) (s)

9.00 The Goldring Audit.

CHOICE: The formidable Mary Goldring takes to the high seas and delivers her verdict on one of Britain's three remaining aircraft carners, HMS Invincible. Her report is a mixture of showing us how the invincible works and asking whether we still need it Like Heathrow Airport, which was audited by Goldring last week, the camer is antiquated and held together with sticking plaster but somehow it works. Goldring praises the professionalism of the men, and, since temales were allowed on board last year, the women. To Goldring's inevitable question, the captain says. don't think sex has any place on board a warship " A bigger issue is the age of the equipment. The Harrier jump jets were designed 35 years ago and the helicopters are even older Goldning wonders whether the carner itself, one lifth the size of American counterparts, is big enough for the job. (Teletext) (3577)

10.00 After the Gulf. ● CHORCE: Viewers who leel like an antidote to BBC2's The Washington Version should find it in this compendium of short films in which Arab directors reflect on the Gulf conflict. The approaches are diverse and largely non-didactic though the United States does not on the whole emerge as the hero of the piece nor Saddam Hussen necessarily the villan, indeed one of the films, made by a Tunsian and previously shown on the Channel 4 South series, equates the bombing of Baghdad with the American offensive in Vietnam Another film by a Tunisian records conflicting attitudes towards the conflict around a family dinner conficting attributes towards trie conflict additional arterity differentiable. In the most original piece an Arab film-maker watching news footage from the Gulf in a Paris apariment is stuck for a subject and rings his friends for suggestions. The answers are not what he expected. (Teletext) (22,1061)

11.25 Tiny and Ruby Hell Divin' Women. Veteran musicians Tiny Davis and Ruby Lucas recall their careers



Conducting an affair: Barbara Ferris, Oskar Werner (11.55pm)

11.55 Film: Interlude (1968). Attractive romantic drama about the affair between a marned conductor (Oskar Werner) and the newspaper reporter (Barbara Ferris) sent to interview him. The big screen debut of director Kevin Billington, whose latest work is the BBC's Metvyn Bragg drama, A Time to Dance (26886516) Ends at 2.00am

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Op 18: Wifielm Kempfi,
piano); Schulbert (Entr'acte No
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pania); Schuder (Einzig) 3, Rosamunde; Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Massur); Tchaikovsky (Suite, The Nutcracker; Berlin PO under Semyon Bychkov) 8.35 News 8.35 Composers of the Week: Handel, Overture, Poro (ECO under Raymond Leppard); La mia speranza, Siroe, Act III (Brewer CO under Rudolph Palmer), Concerto grosso in D,

Painter), Concerts grande Ecuris
Op 8 No 5 (La Grande Ecuris
et la Chambre du Roy under
Jean-Claude Malgoire), Nasca
al bosco. Ezio, Act II
(Philharmona: Baroque
Crichestra under McGegan);
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for Orchestra); Holst (Suite de Ballet, Op 10) 1.00pts News 1.05 Simingham Lunchtins Concert: Live from Studio One, Pebble Mill. Krysia Osostowicz, violin, Carolina Palmer, piano, perform Schumann (Sonata No 1 in A minor. Op 105); Bartók (Sonata for solo violin) 2.00 Berlin RSO under Claus Peter

performs Weber (Overture, Der Freischütz); Wagner (Wesendonk Lieder); Mendelssohn (Die erste Walpurgisnacht, Op 60)
3.15 King's Lyan Festival 1991:
Ernst Kovacio, violin, Susan
Tomes, piano, perform William
Bolcom (Sonata No 2); Riupert.
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Schmidt performs Gade (Overture, Echoes of Ossian):

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: The American

Superman, a life of Gabriele D'Annunzio by Anthony O'Annurbo by Antrony
Rhodes. 8.25 Debussy (Le
Martyre de St Sebastien)
9.20 Virginia Black, harpsichord,
plays Ame (Sonata No 3 in G);
Bach (Toccata in D, BWV
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11.30 News 11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Grieg (r)
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(Sonata for solo violin) Berlin RSO under Claus Peter Flor and the Berlin Radio Choir

Bawden (The Devil's Workshop); Debussy (Sonata In G minor); Kreister (Liebesied; Polichinelle, Serenade; Syncopation); Beethoven (Sonata in A, Op

47, Kreutzer) 4.50 SBC Scottish SO under Ole Langgard (Symphony No 4 in E flat minor) (r)

sexophonist Gerry Mulligan
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talks about his work as a
composer to Brian Morton
7.30 BBC SO under Simon Joly;
BBC Singers perform Franck
(Psyche), 8.20 French Edie.
An extract from The Poet as

Triomphante: Gavotte with 6 Doubles); Hallgrimsson

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews One Over the Eight, directed by

5.55 Weather 8,00 Six O'Clock News

9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts (r)
9.30 Never the Same Again: Jenni
Mills laifs to Brian Moore, a
young black men who was
jailed for defending himself in
a racial attack (2 of 4)
10.00-10.30am No Commitments
(FM only): Empty Vessels. The
second of a sty-part series by
Simon Brett (a)
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW
only):

only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Daniel.
Alex McCowen reads the third
of five opisodes
10.30 Worran's Hour: Breast Cancer 10.30 Woman's Hour: Breast Cancer Carmaign. Karen Deco investigates reconstruction techniques for women who have had a mestactomy 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent 12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pts Head Chairman Tim-Brooke-Taylor has to guess whether Barry Cryer, Peter Jones or Christopher Timothy is telling the tallest story (s) 12.55 Weather

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1.40 The Archest (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Manikudiak and the
Beat: Part of Radio 4's
Northern Lights festival. Chris
Galer's mystical story is set in
the wilds of eastern Greenland
where an elderly inuit takes
his great-nephew on a hunting
trip up the flord by cance (s)
3.00 Coastline (FM only): Cliff
Michalmore visits Jersey (s) (r)
3.40-4.90 Poetry Pleasel (FM only)
with Simon Rus (s)
3.00 News; Prime Minister's
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4.00 News

Alan Ayckbourn, and preview Trevor Griffiths's latest play. The Gulf Between Us. set in war-tom Baghdad (s) 4,45 Short Story: Retreat, by John

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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20-8.00 James Boswell: The Unearthing of the Journals (Filt only): John Wain tells the story of the re-emergence of Boswell's true Journal (s) (r)
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.00 The Power and the Glory:
America's Crisis of Leadership. James Naughtle asks Arn Richerds, governor of Texas, and Dougtas Witter, governor of Virginia, how they feel they can deliver at state level the success the United States feels it has won abroad (2 of 4)

8.45 Truth to Telk Lindbergh's Predecessors. Anthony Smith tells the fourth of six

sxtraordinary true stories (r)
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? 9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight (s) 18.45 A Book at Bedtime: Poodle Springs, by Raymond Chandler and Robert B. Parker

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WORLD SERVICE

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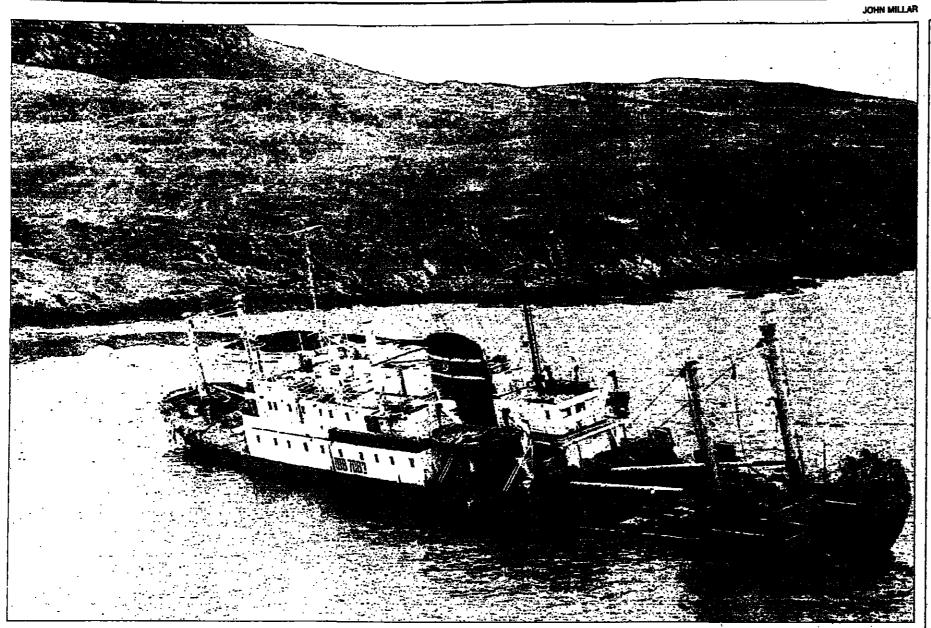
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Unwelcome visitor: the wrecked Kartli firmly embedded on rocks off the island of Gigha with her cargo of 400 tonnes of rotting fish still aboard

NHS reforms vindicated by GP budgets

Continued from page 1 could avoid sending patients to poor consultants. Budgets improved their status and gave them

There was little risk of overspending because their budgets covered elective surgery only, so if they ran out of money they could

more power over consultants, they

put people on a waiting list. Nor did they undermine the health authority's capacity to plan: since information about the health needs of populations was so scarce, what GPs demanded in the market was a useful indicator that could help the planning process. There was no evidence that GPs

patients who might be costly to

The study says that the budgets will have to be changed or GPs could refer more patients to increase next year's allocation. It also says that budget holding is more popular in the South-East.

the entry is postmarked not later than

Healthy statistics, page 14

The Times INTERCITY Crossword Championship 1992 Qualifying Puzzle

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Today we publish the qualifying puzzle for The Times InterCity Crossword Championship, 1992.

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They should complete the puzzle and entry form and post it with entry fee of £5 and stamped and addressed envelope by first class mail to The Times InterCity Crossword Champ-ionship (to whom cheques should be made out). Green Farm, Sawley, Ripon, N Yorks, HG4 3EQ, so that

24 To dismount is safe, though both sides are missing (6).

26 Join up and attend if directions

25 Fellow lacking experience practical affairs (8).

are sent to the front (6).

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gold bar in coat (9)

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from part of diocese (5).

pany (4.8).

January 24. The solution will be published on January 27, and all competitors will be informed of the result not later than February 17, and whether they will be required to attempt the eliminator puzzle mentioned below regional finals will be one-day (four-puzzle) events as follows. Leeds, Queens Hotel (capacity 300 competitors), Sunday, March, 1; Classow Stakis Grosvenor Hotel Stakis Grosver (150), Sunday, March 15; London A, Saturday, April 4, London B, Sunday, April 5, Hilton Hotel, Park Lane (300); Bristol, Hilton Hotel (200), Sunday, May 3; Birmingham, Grand Hotel (300), Sanday, May 24.

If the all-correct entries for any required to attempt an eliminator puzzle which will be published (if it is needed) on Thursday, February 20. Competitors are warned that this will be a more than usually difficult puzzle but are reminded that incomplete (or only partly correct) solutions may well qualify, since only the least successful entries will be

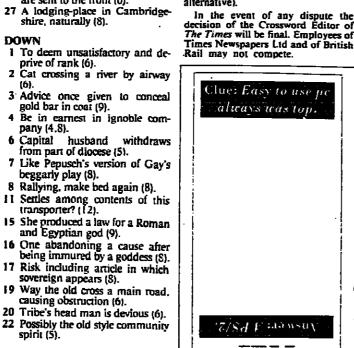
Competitors willing to competitors withing to attend either Birmingham or Bristol are asked to put them in order of preference on the form above; by so doing they will help to avoid an eliminator for either venue.

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qualify for the National Final in the quality for the National rinal in the following way. The regional winner will qualify plus one additional competitor for every 60 competitors over the first 60; thus from 61-120 competitors two will qualify for the final, from 121-180 three will qualify, and so on. The qualifiers from the six regional finals will attend the Nat-ional Final at the London Hilton, Park Lane, London, on Sunday, July

Prizes given by InterCity include the following: each regional cham-pion will win a Trophy and weekend for two in London for the National Final including travel, hotel and meals. Prizes will be awarded to the next two competitors at each regional next two competitors at each regional final who, with any other additional qualifiers, will have their hotel and rail travel expenses paid to the National Final. The winner of the National Championship will receive one year's First Class rail travel anywhere in Britain for two persons; the runner-up will receive First Class rail travel for two people for six journeys anywhere in Britain over a year, and the third, the same for three journeys (these prizes are not journeys (these prizes are not transferable, and there is no cash alternative).

In the event of any dispute the decision of the Crossword Editor of The Times will be final. Employees of



Cargo of rotting fish threatens 'God's isle'

By KERRY GILL

THE Baron of Gigha last night prayed for freezing temperatures and a strong easterly wind as he contemplated the 400-tonne cargo of rotting fish that for a month has lain off the island of Gigha, known as "God's isle" because of its beauty.

The wreck of the 1,900-tonne Soviet-registered factory ship Kartli, disabled in mid-December in an Atlantic gale, has posed a dilemma for the authorities which want to dispose of the fish before they pose a pollution threat. Argyll and Bute district council insists that the fish be removed but there are difficulties in getting the owners and their insurers to pay for the disposal of the cargo. A wave smashed the ship's wheelhouse on December 18, and

she was driven next day on to rocks on the northwest coast of the island, to the dismay of Malcolm Potier, who bought Gigha and the island barony in 1989. A Hull salvage company, which is dealing with the ship's London

agents, is ready to remove the fish somebody agrees to pay their Mr Potier said: "We just hope that the weather stays cold. The

last thing we want is the stink of rotting fish all over the island."

Political sketch

Young Nigel cut off in his prime

IT'S official: the election is upon us. From trade and industry questions yesterday emerged nothing relevant to trade or industry. Tory ministers and Labour spokesmen shouted at each other for an hour, while backbenchers cheered or jeered as appropriate. Nobody listened, nobody said anything new, and nobody showed the least willing-

ness to shut up.
We started with BT. Terry Lewis had a go. Mr Lewis (Lab. Worsley) sits on the hecklers bench with Dennis Skinner and fancies himself an apprentice parliamentary lout. His dreams of becoming the beast of Wors-ley are fanciful he will never be

as beastly as Mr Skinner.
The issue he has made his own, and to which he returned yesterday, is pornographic chatlines: but such is his scowling delivery that his audience is apt to conclude that dialling a por-nographic chat-line might be preferable to listening to a Lewis parliamentary intervention. Should the makers of these chatlines ever require — for a spe-cialist chat-line aimed at masochists — a snarling voice with just the right combination of menace, leer and sneer, they might play the parliamentary tapes of Mr Lewis's questions. The junior minister, anti-in-

terventionist John Redwood, told Lewis they were both of one mind on chat-lines. No minister is less of one mind with Lewis than Redwood, but an election

approaches.

Enquiring about telephone charges, Nigel Griffiths, a Labour spokesman, achieved perhaps the longest question asked from the front bench so far this year. If Mr Griffiths's phone calls are half as long as his parliamentary questions it is little wonder the charges he complains of are so high.

plains of are so high.

Throughout Griffiths's phone call to the nation, Mr Speaker acted rather like those bip-bip tones which warn that time is up but instead of actually saying "bip-bip-bip", the Speak-er tapped his order paper angrily on his chair-arm, alerting Griffiths to the need, if not to slip another 10p into the slot, then at least to slip in a "finally" or two, or rein his remarks back

to the subject. Mr Griffiths rose and dialled the world, via Mr Speaker. "I'm putting you through," said the Speaker or rather "Mr Nigel Criffiths!

Young Nigel drew a deep breath and commenced his call. "Why is the minister so selective and defensive in his choice of statistics? Why is he not taking responsibility for the rise in telephone changes some inflation." phone charges, over inflation, over the whole 13 years of this government's misrule. Too
many people..." Bip-bip-bip, or
rather tup-tup-tup, went Mr
Speaker's order paper...
"... have phone bils." (Criffifths came smartly back to the

subject) "which are too high". We began to see why. Why has the secretary of state failed to take effective ac-

tion to tackle those problems and _" Tap-tap-tap.
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By Philip Howard

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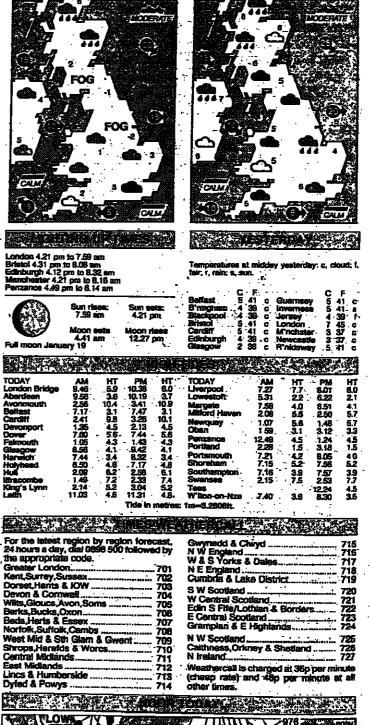
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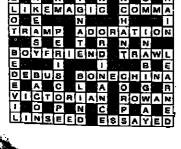
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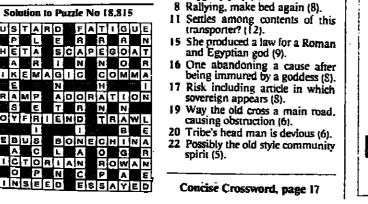
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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



STILL FIGHTING



Archie Norman chief executive of Asda, is offering deserting shoppers "extra value". For shareholders, a reduced dividend and a £68.8 million loss Pages 22 and 23 :

OFF TARGET

Eastern Germany only contributed 6.9 per cent to the German economy last year, less than the 10 per cent forecast at unification Page 23

BACKING OFF



Sir Gordon Borrie is leaving the Office of Fair Trading, British Gas, meanwhile, backed away from OFT confrontation Page 23

PORT HOLE

Associated British Ports says it will be maintaining its final dividend but making big provisions against property

BUDGET HOPE



Dr Anne Robinson of the Institute of Directors wants the Chancellor to cut taxes by £3 billion in the Budget Page 23

THE POUND

US dollar 1.7530 (-0.0540) German mark 2.8495 (+0.0076) Exchange index 89.9 (-0.5)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

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MCC records 'are missing or inaccurate'

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

FINANCIAL records at Maxwell Communication Corporation, the collapsed media group, are missing or inaccurate according to Price Waterhouse, its administrator. The accountant has asked MCC's banks for their records of the group's transactions in an effort to find out how and why £339 million was syphoned out of the group last summer.

PW has also identified a series of offshore companies in Liechten-stein, the British Virgin Islands and Panama that were used to divert MCC's funds, and are thought to have taken part in an illegal share support operation. The manter is being investigated by

the Serious Fraud Office.
One of these companies is Corry
Stifting in Liechtenstein, which
David Lee, a PW partner who is in charge of tracing MCC's missing funds, said owes MCC £20 million. Mr Lee is trying to get access to the

records of these companies to see where the funds were sent.

PW hopes it may find some of these deposits are still intact, although it fears most of the money was used to buy MCC shares, which are now thought to be worth-less. Jonathan Phillips, one of the PW administrators, said: "We will pursue the matter until it becomes clear where the assets are. But if the money has been used to buy MCC shares it may not be possible to take any action and we will have an asset that is worthless and illegally acquired as well."

PW reported to the banks a month ago that all MCC's liquid funds had been removed by Mr Maxwell last summer. Since then, far more evidence has come to light about the transfers, and PW has been forced to ask the banks to assist its investigation.

Mr Lee said yesterday that many of MCC's records are still missing. and that he was not satisfied that the remaining files were accurate. Mr Lee is also trying to trace a

Mentioned in report to banks: Kevin and Ian Maxwell

number of MCC's assets, including share certificates, and details of investment properties. The records show that £339 mil-

lion was removed from MCC between April 29 and July 22. Mr Lee said the records showed that the authorisations for nine withdrawals were signed by Mr Maxwell

This suggests that other senior



directors, including Basil Brookes, the finance director, and Peter

Laister, who became the group chairman last month, might have been completely unaware of the scale of the operation. Apart from Mr Maxwell only

Kevin Maxwell and Albert Fuller, MCC's head of treasury operations, signed transfers for significant amounts. Mr Lee said that and the private companies were not unusual. "MCC and the private companies had a close financial relationship and there were always substantial transactions between them. Last summer, however, it

was all going one way." PW's report to bankers last month showed that Kevin Maxwell signed transfers worth E52 million, while Ian Maxwell's signature appears on others worth only £8 million. Mr Fuller's name occurs on transactions worth £33 million.

PW has talked to Mr Brookes and Mr Fuller about their involvement in the transfers, as well as Jean-Pierre Anselmini, MCC's former deputy chairman, who is now living in Paris, but has not yet interviewed Kevin or Ian Maxwell. There is no evidence to suggest that any of MCCs other directors or executives, apart from Robert Maxwell, knew the reason for the transactions.

The records show that the funds

cash movements between MCC well Group, Robert Maxwell Holdings and Pergamon Holdings. three of Mr Maxwell's key private companies. Other money was secretly injected into The European.

Mr Lee said that MCC's records suggest money was also sent to several merchant banks. Some-how, however, most of MCC's money is thought to have been transferred offshore and used to buy MCC's shares in an illegal and futile attempt to support the price.

Mr Lee said that some of the money was returned to MCC late last summer, after the group's di-rectors discovered it was missing and took legal advice, but that he was not satisfied of its source. There could have been a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul." he said. Some of the money returned to MCC may have come from Bishopsgate Investment Management, the main investment manager for the Maxwell pension funds that is now in provisional liquidation.

Select Committee, page 2

Insurers welcome charter of rights

Names offered protection in Lloyd's report

A REPORT into Lloyd's of London, the loss making insurance market, has proposed a radical package of reforms, which if implemented, would transform the 304-yearold market over the next seven years.

The proposed measures, largely welcomed by the market, include a protection scheme for names suffering exceptionally heavy losses. However, this would not act retrospectively and offers no reket for the thousands of names who have incurred

The report. "Lloyd's: A Route Forward," was commissioned by David Coleridge, the chairman of Lloyd's, in November 1990, in the face of heavy losses and falling confidence among its members. Since then, membership has fallen from close

to 30,000 to an expected 22,500 for 1992. The market lost £510 million in 1988 and the 1989 year is expected to show an even larger loss. A 13-strong task force of

senior Lloyd's figures and expert advisers was appointed in January last year, under the chairmanship of David Rowland, the chairman of the Sedgwick broking group. The 65 recommendations

included in the report, which outline a massive shake up of the market over the next seven years, have been largely welcomed by the Council of Lloyd's.

Only one set of proposals, those relating to the gover-nance of the market as a whole, were rejected out of hand. Implementation of the bulk of the remainder of the recommendations will begin immediately and some will be in place for the 1993 year.

The most radical proposals include setting up a safety net for names suffering exceptionally heavy losses, and the introduction of limited liability corporate capital into the market over the longer term. Both proposals dilute the cen-

turdes old tradition at Lloyd's of individual liability down to the last cufflink. The proposals also include what amounts to a names

charter, entitling them to rights such as increased information on their syndicates and an annual meeting. Also proposed is the ending of the compulsory separation of brokers and underwriters and a drive to reduce costs by 30 per cent. However, the expected abolition of Lloyd's three year accounting system was not proposed.

Presenting the report, Mr Rowland said he remained strengths in the society". He added: "It is extremely important that the virtuous babies are not thrown out with the bathwater.'

Both Mr Rowland and Mr Coleridge emphasised that the key aim of the report was to restore profitable growth to the market after the setbacks of recent years. But Mr Rowland warned that it was not possible to "wave a magic wand over the past

Immediate reaction in the market was positive, with leading underwriters welcoming the commitment to names' rights. However, there was some disappointment at the swift rejection of the corporate governance proposals. Mark Farrer, the chairman of the influential Association of Lloyd's Mem-bers, said he was "very disappointed " by the move and urged the Council "to review

its initial reaction." Further criticism came from Marjorie Mowlam, Labour's spokeswoman on the City, who said that Lloyd's had missed the opportunity "to take a decisive first step in rehabilitating its reputation and in planning its future in the competitive world of 1992 and beyond".

Representatives of action groups for loss-making names said that report would do nothing to alleviate the suffering of Lloyd's members | the market realised that the

hit by the heavy losses for the 1988 to 1990 underwriting years. Tom Benyon, the chairman of the Society of Names, said that Lloyd's could not ignore the "8,000 to 9,000 names in acute fi-

nancial hardship". John Rew of Chaiset, the firm of Lloyd's analysts, said that the report did not provide a solution to the fundamental problem facing the market, which he said was the funding of the estimated £4 billion losses expected to be incurred for the 1988 to 1991 years.

"Lloyd's has got problems this report addresses them,

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In the pink: John Conlan and Nick Iyens, at First Leisure's Empire Ballroom in London, say there was no magic behind increasing last year's pre-tax profits to £30.4 million (£29.2 million) (Tempus. page 22)

Dollar sweeps all before it

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

day, sweeping all before it on a broad front as conviction grew in the foreign exchange markets that the currency has bottomed out. The mark was the main

victim of the dollar rally. Under severe pressure this week over concerns about strikes and the risk of recession, the mark was further weakened by remarks from Wilhelm Nölling, a member of Bundesbank board, who said he saw a chance of German interest rates falling, if the current wage round produced appropriate settlements, public deficits were limited and the weakening trend in world growth be-came more marked.

It was the dollar breaking through the DM1.60 resistance point that unleashed a wave of stop-loss orders, as

THE dollar was king yester- currency no longer carried a risk on the downside. The pound was in steep retreat against the dollar too. standing at \$1.7530 at the

Bank of England's 4pm close. aimost five and a half cents below Tuesday's finish. Against the mark, sterling ended up nearly threequarters of a pfennig at DM2.8495, holding over half a pfennig clear of its effective floor.

☐ A strong overnight performance on Wall Street and the government's positive showing in an opinion poll paved the way for another sharp mark-up of share prices and government bonds. But investors proved reluctant, and FT-SE 100 index was halved. It eventually closed 20.8 up at

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Rover drives for more exports

By KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

GEORGE Simpson, Rover's chairman. yesterday announced a reorganization of the business to cash in on export sales, which are expected to have been worth £1.5 billion last year.

Mr Simpson is driving the carmaker towards its most successful year for exports for some time, with sales abroad

more than half of total output.

As the British market sank into a deep depression last year. Rover's domestic sales of cars and Land Rover products fell from nearly 281,400 in 1990 to 229,291.

Exports, however, were almost 241,000, with Rover vehicles moving into several new markets and consolidating in others, particularly the European Community, eastern Europe and

Mr Simpson said yesterday that the redundancies were needed because under-Lyme site.

business had to reorganize to continue rapid progress towards his goal of mak-ing Rover less dependent on the UK market. His target is for only 40 per cent of sales to be at home.

As a result, the business has been split into three separate arms - Rover Europe, Rover International and Rover

Marketing Although registrations fell in the UK last year. Rover's market share moved up to 14.4 per cent, while the Rover 200 series topped the best sellers' list in December, beating Ford's Fiesta and Escort models. ☐ Ford yesterday announced it was cut-

ting 500 jobs from its Transit van plant at Southampton as further details of the company's productivity drive were dis-closed to union leaders. Albert Caspers. Ford's European vicepresident of engineering and manufac-turing, told union officials that the

sales of Transits had fallen 25 per cent last year. More than 1,000 of the total 2,900

workers at the plant, which only re-opened this week after an extended Christmas break, have also been put on three-day week production. Figures yesterday showed that while

sales of Fords in Britain fell almost 21 per cent last year, the company enjoyed a record year throughout Europe, fuelled mainly by the demand caused by German reunification.

European sales were 1.58 million, up 4 per cent on 1990 and 2 per cent higher than its previous record in 1989. ☐ Lucas SEI Wiring Systems has been awarded a £10 million a year contract to supply Toyota with electrical wiring sys-tems for the Japanese company's new car being built at Burnaston, near Derby. The contract is expected to result in 100 new jobs at Lucas's Newcastle-

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Asda loss adds to Norman's problems

IT IS going to take Archie Norman, the new chief executive of Asda, three years to turn the ailing supermarket group round; even then he will need a fair wind behind him. If he achieves his goal he will be the toast of the sector by his fortieth

But it is a big if. The sheer scale of the problems at Asda became apparent yesterday when the half-year results were unveiled. Profits before exceptional items for the six months to November 9 were £10.1 million compared with £58.4 million. After an exceptional charge of £78.9 million the pre-tax loss was £68.8 million. Turnover rose to E2.30 billion (E2.25 billion) and operating profits were E74 million (£107 million).

The interest charge has risen from £44.4 million to £63.7 million and the loss per share is 5.71p compared with earnings of 2.9p. The dividend is 1.25p (1.85p). Like-for-like sales at Asda stores rose only 1.6 per cent

against a market average of 3 Simply returning a supermarket chain of Asda's size and performance to its former glory would be difficult enough but Mr Norman faces the added burdens of heavy debt and intense

competition. Debt was reduced from £945 million to £668 million, representing gearing of 48 per cent, after the £357 million rescue rights issue. But Asda still has to address its long-term finances: £133 million is due on the convertible Eurobond in April.

Asset sales are a possibility and Mr Norman is ruling nothing out. But with the debt burden, he is constrained as to what he can spend to knock the group back into shape. Capital expenditure has been pared back from £200 million to £150 million this year. Sainsbury. Tesco and Argyll, meanwhile, have raised more than £1 billion to fund expansion plans.

The group looks set to make around £80 million before exceptionals in the current year but the shares, down 4½p at 24½p, are 10½p off the rights issue price. Asda is still the riskiest stock in the sector. Wait until the financial problems have been properly solved.

First Leisure

THE recession rolls on, but people still go out dancing at discotheques and bowling at ten pin bowling alleys. They still stroll along English piers. And some even go to the theatre.

First Leisure Corporation, which runs 37 discos, owns three West End theatres, 21 bowling alleys and ten snooker clubs, again dem-onstrates with profits for the year ended October that life is a party.

Turnover was up 6 per cent



Three-year task: Archie Norman, Asda's chief

at £108.7 million, pre-tax profits rose from £29.2 million to £30.4 million, net earnings are a tick higher at 15.67p (15.62p) a share, and a final dividend of 3.95p (3.5p) makes 5.695p (5.05p) a share for the year. John Conlan, chief exec-

utive, says he does not think

against what is perceived to be a depressed economic background; but that if there is any magic, then it must be in offering a wide-range of leisure things to do.

There is, however, an im-

plicit profits warning that the first half of the current year - which will be Lord there is any particular magic in turning out higher profits will be tough. The Blackpool Delfont's last as chairman -

Tower, on which half of a £14 million remodelling programme will be spent, is closed and the redevelop-ment of several prime disco-theques is planned. The balloon.

overall capital spend is esti-mated at \$40 million. When the builders' dust has settled, the crowds will surely return to their old haunts as the doors reopen, and the view remains that no more than £32 million should be expected.

year on year profits will again improve.

A foothold has already been establised in continental Europe with First Leisure's venture in Amsterdam, and, in time, the group can be expected to make a

can be expected to make a corporate leisure dance through Europe.

Gearing is a modest 13 per cent, and interest cover a healthy seven times. If other leisure concerns increasingly find the going tough during a recession. First Leisure's market share of the world of entertainment can only

Profit hopes this year of £34.6 million put the shares, up 6p at 298p, on 17.3 times prospective earnings. They should continue to dance.

ASSOCIATED British Ports Holdings had long been expected to make more property writedowns because of the state of the property market, so its statement yes-terday that second-half prof-

as Strauss Turnbull, the bro-

ker, cut its pre-tax profit esti-

mate for the year just ended

by £5 million to £960 million

and for the current year by £10 million to £1.15 billion.

Asda, the troubled super-

market chain, climbed 52p

to 34 p despite plunging into the red with half-year

figures showing a pre-tax loss

among the other supermar-

ket chains with Argyll 6p better at 295p, Kwik Save

25p at 628p, William Morri-

Peacock 3p to 168p, J

Sainsbury op to 361p and Tesco 3p to 228p. Associated British Ports

was an early casualty touching 300p before closing 5p up

at 328p, after issuing a prof-

The water companies made

headway, encouraged by the

Conservatives showing in the

latest opinion polls. Thames,

which announced two acqui-

sitions in America and Ger-

many totalling £59 million, rose 12p to 350p. There were also gains for Anglian, 7p to

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its warning.

Solid gains were recorded

of £68.8 million.

its will be virtually wiped out did not go down like a lead

points.

trading, having reached a high of 3,252,68.

Advancing shares led fall-

Just what "substantial provisions" means becomes clear only in mid-March, with publication of 1991 results. However, after 1990 profits of £60.2 million, and first-half 1991 profits of £31.7 million (£30.5 million).

The provisions are a noncash book-keeping item and ABP says that income from its port and transport business, and from investment properties, continue to be satisfactory. On those grounds, ABP expects to pay a final dividend of at least 4.5p a share, having earlier

raised the interim from 2.75p to 3.1p a share. ABP is shy of detail before March. Interest cover and the likely level of shareholders' funds remain its secret, though borrowings are £60 million down since December 1990, at £335 million.

Because the kitchen sink has been thrown at the 1991 accounts, and assuming an economic upturn, ABP could be in line for 1992 profits of £70 million.

At 323p, unchanged, the hares trade on 27 times 1991 earnings and 12.2 times prospective 1992 earnings. Net asset value is estimated at around 485p a share. Until the full accounts are to hand, caution is

Attempts at a bear raid

left Forte, the hotel and

had begun a series of

230p. Claims that brokers

profit downgradings were

preferring Queens Moat, 1p cheaper at 75p.

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Norweb 5p at 268p,

Seeboard 8p at 251p, South-

era 9p at 255p, South Wales 9p at 310p, South West 8p at

250p and Yorkshire 9p at

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denied by the company.

Kleinwort Benson, the

broker, remains a seller.

WALL STREET Blue chips post losses

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expans mask

ed modest losses in late-☐ Frankfust — The Dax inmorning trading but the dex soared to a six-month broad market held steady. high in busy trade to close supported by leftover buying 38.97 points up at 1,667.50, as hopes blossomed that Gerinterest from Tuesday, which saw the Dow Jones industrial man interest rates had average advance 60.60 peaked and that the Bundesbank might be able to ease policy later this year. The Dow was down 6.49 points to 3,239.71 in early

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341p, Northumbrian, 9p to 352p, North West, 7p to 345p, Severn Trent, 10p to 312p, Southern, 9p to 329p, South West, 2p to 323p, Welsh, 13p to 360p, Wessex, 7p to 388p and Yorkshire, 5p to 363p. The polls also benfited the electricity distributors with Eastern 14p better at 225p, East Midlands 9p at 243p, London 9p at 245p, Manweb 12p at 308p, Midlands 7p at

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STOCK MARKET

Investors reluctant to chase shares higher

SHARE prices and Government bonds scored early sizeable gains on the back of a 60-point overnight rise on Wall Street and the latest opinion polls giving the Conservatives a lead over the Labour party.

But the equity market failed to sustain the momentum. The FT-SE 100 index saw a 40-point lead halved to close 20.8 points up at 2,537.1. Investors proved reluctant to

The recovery continues at Benson, the engineering roup. We should hear that the group, steady at 13 ½ p, has won business four-wheel drive, which should boost next year's figures. Analysts are forecasting profits this time of £750,000 (£142,000).

chase prices sharply higher and an opening fall in the Dow Jones industrial average took some of the steam out of the market.

Turnover reached 667 million shares, but the level of retail demand remained slug-

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gish. Market-makers have been caught out by the market's recent strength and now find themselves short of stock.

It was a similar story among Government securities where rises of almost £1 were recorded at the longer end early in the session. By the close, those gains had been whittled back to less than £4. The overnight rise on Wall

Street and the dollar's new found strength encouraged those companies with an international bias. There were 25p to 663p. Hanson, 8½p to 212½p, ICI, 23p to £11.87, and Reuters, 24p to £10.94. SmithKline Beecham 'A' climbed 19p to 964p, encouraged by the prospects for its new vaccine designed to combat henatitis A.

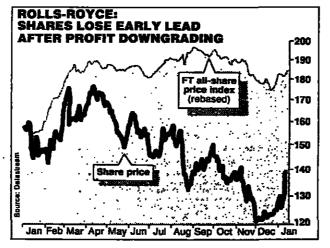
Cable and Wireless extended its record-breaking run with a rise of 2p to 620p, after briefly touching 627p.

Rolls-Royce lost an early lead to finish 1p lower at

138p, after a substantial profits downgrading by UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker.

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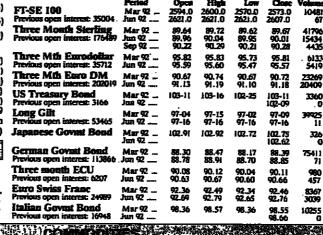
MAJOR CHANGES

Guinness fell 11p to 533p

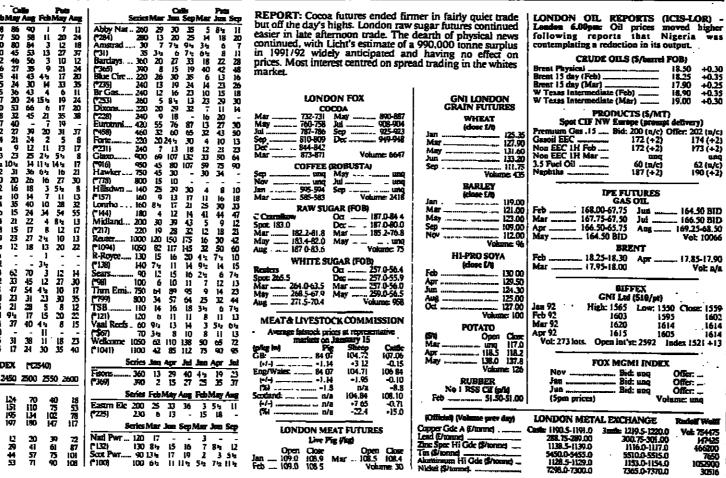
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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES



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East's demand exceeds its GNP

Expansion in 1991 masks current German stagnation

By Wolfgang Munchau, European Business correspondent

THE west German economy the first quarter, during expanded strongly in 1991 which the economy expanded with gross national product. ahead by 3.2 per cent compared with 1990, according to provisional data released erday. But the news will do little to calm fears over the

present state of the economy.

The federal statistics office said growth was probably flat in the final quarter of last year, suggesting a sharp slowflown of the west German economy over the year. The forecast of zero growth for the final quarter follows two quarters of negative growth, with quarterly fails in output of 0.6 per cent and 0.5 per cent respectively. Most of last year's growth was achieved in

by 2.4 per cent, mainly because of strong demand created by unification.

The figures also show that eastern Germany only contributed 6.9 per cent to pan-German gross: national product of DM2,800 billion, much less than the 10 per cent widely forecast at the time of unification. Goods and services worth DM207 billion were transferred from the western to eastern Germany. At this level, east German demand for west Ger-man goods exceeds the east's

Wolfgang Strohm, chief economist of the federal sta-

pre-tax loss of £68.8 million

in the six months to Novem-

ber 9, against profits of £58.4

ntillion, is undergoing a thorough review of all areas of its

Turnover rose from £2.25 billion to £2.30 billion and

the loss per share is 5.71p against earnings of 2.9p. The

interim dividend is 1.25p. down from 1.85p. A final dividend of 0.85p is prom-

ised. There was an exception-

Asda slumps into red and cuts prices

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ASDA Group, the struggling supermarket chain, is competing aggressively on pric-ing in an attempt to woo back customers who have been deserting to rival chains. Two hundred new, low-priced quality food lines have been introduced into underperforming stores, and next week Asda is launching an "extra value" promotion giving 30 per cent more on 600 lines.

But Archie Norman, the chief executive denied the group was fuelling a price war. "There is no price war," he said. "Supermarkets have always been competitive on price." He said the group was considering "price flexing". which may eventually lead to a regional pricing policy.

The group, which made a

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admitted that zero growth in the fourth quarter "would mean that the economy has either stagnated or contract-ed since the second quarter of last year". German quarterly data tend to be more volatile than British or American data, despite seasonal adjustments, so economists are wary of pronouncing Germany in recession on the basis of only two or three sets of quarterly statistics.

The 1991 growth in the

economy was mainly invest-ment-driven. Capital invest-ment was up 5.2 per cent. and construction investment rose by 6.9 per cent, while consumption rose much more modestly. Public consumption was up 1.2 per cent and private consumption rose

tistics office, denied that the figures imply that the west

German economy is heading for recession, although he

by 2.4 per cent:
Jürgen Möllemann, the
economics minister, expressed concern about the economy in the east. He said the slump had probably bottorned out, but there were dangers in productivity rises not keeping up with pay. Data from the federal statistics office show that wages in the east have converged faster to western levels than productivity. The average per capita output in east Germany was DM 12,000, compared with DM41,000 in the west, while average pay of DM 1,660 per month was 45 per cent of that

al charge of £78.9 million.
Allied Maples, the furnish-From April, east German metal workers will receive ings chain, lost £13.2 million (£3.2 million loss) and wage rises that will bring them up to a level of 71 per Gazeley, the group's property development business, made cent of the wages of west profits of £3.2 million (£9.3)

German workers. Herr Möllemann said "this significant wage-productivity gap poses great dangers for the profitability of the firms, future employment prospects and the overall economy". El The Federation of German

Employers rejected a new and lower pay demand by IG Metall, the steel and metal workers union. On Tuesday, the union declared a strike ballot for the 130,000 workers in the northwest German steel industry, after a failure in negotiations. In the metal its pay demand from more than 10 per cent to 9.5 per cent. The employers' federation said the readiness to call a strike ballot would increase tensions between employers and employees.

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BY OUR CITY STAFF

Monopolies and Mergers

Sir Gordon Borrie, the di-

rector general of fair trading, said last night he had reached agreement with Robert Ev-ans, the British Gas chair-

man, and the company would

sign undertakings allowing

more competition into the in-

dustrial side.

But Ofgas emphasised there was no question of allowing domestic gas prices to

Mr Evans said British Gas

has decided that the com-

rise as a result.



Making their point: Anne Robinson, IoD head of policy, and director general Peter Morgan yesterday

IoD wants up to £3bn of tax cuts

By Colin Narbrough

THE Institute of Directors has called on Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, to cut taxes on individuals and businesses by up to £3 billion in the Budget to ensure recovery

from recession this year.
The IoD's Budget submission, put together by the policy unit, together by The Anne Robinson, urges Mr Lamont to step up the battle for zero inflation by freezing excise

SOUTH Wales and South

Western Electricity, two of the 12 privatised regional distri-

bution companies, are there-

ing their retail operations. The development follows a

similar link-up between East-ern and Southern Electricity

The deal puts South West-ern, which will provide all the

executive management, in

the driving seat. South Wales

the equity, and either party can insist on the sale of that

minority interest to South

Western in the next five years.

Both companies have cho-sen only profitable stores for

the venture. Loss-makers will

be closed or converted into

customer centres that will not

late last year.

hol and tobacco. Peter Morgan, the IoD director general, said: "The over-riding requirements of this Budget are to create a climate in which both consumer and business confidence can be restored and inflation defeated, so that interest rates can be further reduced ... these are essential prerequisites for econom-

He said government spending plans for 1992-3 have

sell goods. In all, 23 stores.

will close, with about 130 re-

dundancies. South Western will have to

take "modest" provisions at the year-end. South Wales

has already taken £2 million

half-way, its retail operation having made a El million

interim loss against a deficit

of just £100,000 for its new

The partners say the ven-

the merger date, April 1. It

will comprise ten superstores

and 57 shops with annual turnover of £70 million.

David Jones, South Wales

managing director, said: "We

could not have justified con-

tinuing on our own as an

Power firms link

retail operations

BY OUR CITY STAFF

pre-empted any large reduction in the overall tax burden this year, but said the IoD believed Mr Lamont still had scope for a cut of between £2 billion and £3 billion. The IoD wants the cuts targeted at rebuilding the private sector's capital base.

current fiscal year, with a further one point cut in 1992-

Unusually, the submission contains no specific demand for income tax cuts, but it urges Mr Lamont to lower the percentage paid by higher rate taxpayers by twice the

reduction for those on the standard rate, if any scope for lowering income tax emerges. The IoD wants corporation tax lowered by a percentage point to 32 per cent for the

Other key requests include a freeze on the uniform business rate, the phased aboli-

tion of capital gains tax, and the halving of the inheritance tax rate to 20 per cent, with a higher £300,000 threshhold.

Thames Water expands abroad

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

THAMES Water has made a £39 million deal with Germany's Treuhandanstalt to gain a strategic position in the east German water engineering business. The deal is part of a £65 million acquisition package that will also expand Thames's water engineering business in America and take annual purpover outside its main utility business to £250

After winning an interna tional auction conducted by Merrill Lynch, Thames will pay £10 million for UTAG. which is based in Halle, Saxony-Anhalt, and take on a further £18 million of debt. It has guaranteed 935 of UTAG's 1,100 jobs this year and agreed to invest a further £5.6 million over the next

three years. UTAG employs more than 500 engineers, mainly in planning, designing and project management for water and sewage systems. Mike Hoffman, Thames chief executive, said Thames and UTAG would make a strong combination. The east German states are expected to spend about £3 billion a year ing their water and sewage

treatment systems. In America, Thames has bought Leopold, a water fil-tration specialist, for £26 million and assumes £6 million of long-term debt. Leopold will be fused with an existing American subsidiary.

retary, has announced the long-awaited successor to Sir Gordon Borrie as director general of fair trading, ap-pointing Sir Bryan Carsberg, currently director-general of telecommunications and watchdog over BT and the telephone network. There was some surprise at

Carsberg

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Borrie

at OFT

By MARTIN WALLER PETER Lilley, the trade sec-

the timing of the appointment. The four-yearly review into the prices BT can charge is already under way, with a consultative document due from Oftel, the regulatory body, at the end of this month. The review may not be complete by the time Sir Bryan takes up his new duties

In addition, the announcement of his appointment comes just a month after the BT share sale, when regula-tory concern was well to the fore. A successor is yet to be

Sir Gordon completed his third five-year term as the head of the OFT, which has wide powers to review compe-tition policy, in June, but he was prevailed upon to continue for another year. He will be 61 in March.

Sir Bryan was the first of the regulators to be appointed to oversee the former privatised industries, serving since the creation of Oftel in 1984. Before that he was an acc-

ountant and an academic. He said the review of pricing arrangements would continue despite his move in June. "It's impossible to say at the moment whether they might be complete by then."

He said the timing of his appointment, so soon after the BT sale, was a matter for the government "It's really none of my business," he said. 'Obviously they didn't know this was going to happen at that time.

There was no reason to suppose his appointment would change the OFT's view of compention.

"I've shared a platform with Sir Gordon and I've been impressed by the extent to which our ideas are similar. There are bound to be differences in matters of detail - the broad thrust is likely to be the same." Sir Gordon is seen as some-

thing of a hardliner, having taken on the beer barons and most recently British Gas.

Sir Bryan is seen as an effective regulator, but critics say he has done little to contain BT's strong profits growth in recent years to the point that it has become a political embarrassment. He has also been criticised as tending to do much of his thinking in public.

Scottish Power signs North Sea gas deal

SCOTTISH Power, one of the two Scottish electricity companies, has signed a deal to take gas from the North Sea through the British Gas distribution system and retail it to existing industrial and commercial customers. Gas resulting from the deal will be available from March, Scottish Power's partner is Utilicorp United of America, which will take a 25 per cent share in the venture.

Utilicorp has already concluded similar deals with two regional distribution companies south of the border, Eastern and Midlands Electricity. There are no details of how much gas the venture will take, but the power company will approach customers soon to assess interest. Transmission and settlements with British Gas will be Utilicorp's responsibility. Scottish Power says it will extend gas sales to domestic customers "whenever circumstances allow".

BAA seeks more bids

BAA, the airports operator, is continuing talks with potential bidders for its Prestwick airport despite a £4.75 million approach from AAP, a Scottish company. British Aerospace, which makes commercial aircraft and has a flying school at Prestwick, is also thought to be a bidder. Other bidders include the Ayrshire Community Airports Project consortium, headed by George Younger, chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland. BAA said the £4.75 million offer had been received but had not been accepted because the company was still in talks with other interested parties.

Pelican trading ahead
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Pelican Group, the Café Pelican and Café Rouge
restaurant group which is quoted on the USM, unveiled
lower pre-tax profits of £131,000 in the six months to endSeptember, against £263,000 last time. However, last time's
profit was boosted by a £192,000 exceptional gain from the
sale of properties. Trading profit advanced 84 per cent to
£131,000, on turnover 7.8 per cent higher at £2.83 million. Again, there is no interim dividend.

Wyko pegs payout

Wyko, the bearings and transmission components group, is maintaining its interim dividend at 1.4p, despite an 80.4 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £279.000 in the six months of the period United Kingdom manufacturing was hardest hit in a highly compensive market, with operating profits falling from 1765,000 to £118,000, on turnover 13.9 per cent lower at £7.83 million. Group nurnover dipped 2.2 per cent to £25.4 million. Earnings per share were down 82.6 per cent at 0.66p (3.8p). The shares lost 5p to 52p.

Colorvision in red

COLORVISION, the television and satellite systems retailer. made a £545,000 pre-tax loss in the six months to September 30 after finding that it had understated creditors in previous accounting periods. An £808,000 exceptional charge has been made. Sales rose to £24.1 million. against £17.6 million last time, when pre-tax profit was £148,000. Colorvision has changed its year-end from September to March and has published a second set of interim results. The loss per share is 1.7p compared with earnings of 0.5p. The dividend is maintained at 3.1p.

Beales plans cash call

BEALES Hunter, which has textile, refrigeration and electrical interests, plans a one-for-three rights issue, at 220p per share, to raise £5.08 million. The issue is underwritten by Panmure Gordon. The cash will be used to eliminate borrowings of about £2.8 million and to buy Ingram Electronics, an electronic components and cable company, and Tyne Tees Forth Air Conditioning and Refrigeration. Beales made pre-tax profits of £1.2 million (£1.11 million) in the six months to November 30. The interim dividend rises to 2.3p (2.2p). The shares fell 14p to 260p.



Evans: undertakings

pany will give constructive support to the measures designed to enable effective competition to develop". The company will therefore sign undertakings to cut its share of the industrial market from 90 per cent to 40 per cent and

to operate its distribution network as an independently trading subsidiary without any pre-conditions on domestic prices.

British Gas had been asking for an amendment of the tough new pricing regime to be introduced on April 1 to make up for some of the expected lost profits from industrial customers. It had wanted the matter to be considered by the monopolies commission if, as expected, it failed to agree a relaxation with the regulator that would have meant higher prices for the domestic consumer.

These conditions have now been dropped. The company said it was happy with assurances from John Wakeham. the energy secretary, that the changes should proceed "in a way which is fair to all concerned.

Crown slides into loss

BY OUR CITY STAFF

CROWN Communications. the broadcasting group, in-curred losses of £6.79 million before tax in the 12 months to September 30 and is forced to pass dividend payments.

The company said it was unlikely to return to profit until the second half of the current year, despite a recent upturn in revenues at LBC. the London news radio sta-

Last year's losses compared with profits of £611,000 in the previous 12 months and included an op-erating deficit of £4.8 million. The loss per share was 22.9p. against a 1.3p loss.

David Haynes, chief executive, said there had been a marked improvement in the second half, when revenues

recovered by 16 per cent at LBC and the benefit of cost-The company incurred interim pre-tax losses of £4.68 A net profit of £1.52 mil-

lion from the sale of investments was partly offset by severance payments, leaving an exceptional credit of £819,000. Interest charges rose by £1 million to £2.8 million, although a £4.5 million rights issue reduced borrowings to £15 million after the year-end.

Mr Haynes, whose Australian company Darling Downs now has 43 per cent of Crown, said LBC's revenues rose by 31 per cent in the first quarter of this year and the station enjoyed posi-tive cash flow for the first

time in two years. RFM, the French radio network continued to trade at a loss. ☐ Ian Irvine, chairman-elect of Capital Radio, told shareholders at the annual meeting that advertising bookings continued to be short-term and there was no sign of improvement from what re-

mained a fragile market-

He confirmed, however, that the new financial year had started with a "modest" year-on-year increase in revenue. The company had been encouraged by audience fig-ures showing that Capital FM and Capital Gold's combined share of the London radio listening market had grown from 24.6 per cent in April to June to 26.3 per cent in October to December.

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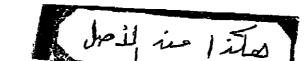
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Names put at the forefront of thinking

THE task force's original obinclude the ability of names to jective was to examine the Socicty's capital base, looking beyond the immediate future to identify the framework within which the Society should be terms of tax and regulatory trading five to seven years treatment; and the low barhence. However, the current pressures on the Society led us to broaden our outlook. In adviduals as providers of capital. dition to describing a possible long-term scenario, we have identified key changes necessary in the short term. We have put the interests of the current names at the forefront

of our thinking. The need for growth: In recent years, the Society has been unable to make satisfactory use of its capacity. The task force, however, concluded that the Society should not accept a strategy of planned should commit to a strategy of real growth in income.

From 1967-83, growth was reasonably steady at around 3 per cent p.a. In the mid-1980s, however, capacity expanded at 15 per cent p.a. in real terms - far in excess of the growth in premiums. Contraction would be damaging to the Society's long-term health. It would limit Lloyd's ability to quote terms and lead business; it could call into question Lloyd's reputation for security: it would increase the burden of the old years on a diminishing capital base and exacerbate the market's cost problem; finally, it would reduce the market's dynamism. The case for reform:

The strengths of the current structure were highlighted by our exhaustive review of alternative capital structures. They

participate on a partly paid basis, whilst offering clients strong security; the advantages of sole trader status in riers to syndicate formation. We were also convinced of the attractiveness of wealthy indi-

The weight of litigation is of great concern, and may challenge some of the fundamental bases of the capital structure: the cumulative impact of losses for some names across the 1988, 1989 and 1990 accounts remains uncertain; and the continuing overhang of "old years" liabilities further clouds trading prospects.

The task force concluded,

however, that the strengths of the current structure outweighed these difficulties, and that the Society should seek to reform the current structure rather than move to an entirely new basis. The task force therefore proposes a two-stage programme of reform.

It is not legally feasible to put liability without abandoning the sole trader basis and moving to a fully paid structure. We propose a high-level,

compulsory stop loss scheme backed by a fund: a cumulative scheme covering losses over 4 consecutive years of account, thus providing Names with protection across all normally open years; the cover is provided against loss-es in excess of 100 per cent of the names' overall premium

This would minimise the However, in order to maintain

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of the underlying security; and

a gradual move to increase liquid deposits by encourag-

ing Names to maintain a 10

per cent "cushion" on top of

the 30 per cent already re-

quired to be held by Lloyds. In

parallel, the Council should

implement close monitoring

of market liquidity.
The task force believes that

the Council should commit

itself to the introducation of

members agents pooling ar-

rangements (MAPA) in time

for the 1993 account, if at all

possible. This will provide a

low-cost way for names to

achieve a high level of diversi-

fication. Low cost diversifica-

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unitised accounting for man-aging agents (MANUAC); this

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Syndicates should be able to

the Rowland report into the financing of

London's unique insurance market

cost of the scheme and avoid the policyholder's confidence "moral hazard" problems; in the security of a Lloyd's participation is compulsory, and names will have to contribute towards the fund at an initial rate of 0.25 per cent of their OPL; finally, there is a feature to encourage diversification. The second area of reform is to give Names an additional set or rights akin to those enjoyed by shareholders. We propose five specific

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rights: the right to ongoing participation in a syndicate, provided the syndicate is continuing to trade and the name is solvent — thus managing agents would no longer have the right to give names notice, except in exceptional circumstances; the right to request the Council to replace the managing agent, subject to support from a large majority of names; the right to approve major transactions; the right of direct access to syndicate an absolute limit to Name's information; and the right to regular meetings of names on a syndicate via the mechanism

> of annual general meetings. Lloyds needs the flexibility to establish additional reserves. This will strengthen the market's ability to provide clients whilst protecting names from the volatility of returns that arise in a highly cyclical business.

The partly paid nature of Lloyd's capital base is a great attraction for many names.

policy, names' capital must be more accessible in the event of underwriting losses. Therefore, we have defined a set of safeguarded. Second, the principles to strengthen the accessibility of names' capital. use of consortium arrange-These include a greater emments with insurance comphasis on a names' income, in panies as another route for addition to, not in place of, the underwriters to increase their current criteria for capital: a capacity to meet their customrecognition that all bank guarer's needs at times when antees will be called regardless

Names' capacity is scarce. We recommend that Lloyds retains the three-year accounting system. Nevertheless, we recognise the need for more timely information during the development of an account. and so recommend publication of a global profit forecast after 24 months of the account, and publication of a syndicate's solvency position in the annual accounts.

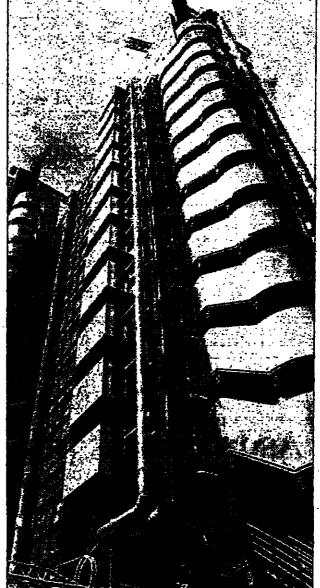
The old and open years problems are particularly intractable. The task force rejected schemes involving mutualisation of these specific losses. We concluded that the only option was to trade through these difficulties. The Society should accept that leaving a syndicate open provides the most pragmatic response to grave uncertainties such as major latent liability exposures; this represents a shift in the current policy of putting pressure on managing agents always to close syndicates at the end of three years.

ums for quota share reinsur- The task force proposes that ance with insurance com- limited liability capital be adpanies should be deductible mitted in the form of "corpofrom a syndicate's premium rate members". These would income limit, in an amount up be structured as authorised to 25 per cent of a syndicate's insurance companies, would normal premium limits if have to meet very high minithere is clear evidence of a mum solvency levels and be of hardening of rates. We have a certain minimum size to proposed mechanisms to en- ensure strong security. They sure that names' interests are could be owned by corporate or institutional bodies, includ-Council should encourage the ing insurance companies; individuals coudl also be shareholders. The corporate members would participate alongside names on

> Admitting capital on this form will require changes to the Lloyds Acts.

The final and most radical element of the task force's longer-term vision is the possible introduction of a system of value for syndicate partici-pations. With a system of value, names would secure access to syndicates through a marand demand controlled by price, rather than through the current discretionary system. Names would have to join a syndicate, buying capacity from a name seeking to leave. Governance:

New structures for governing the Society are required in order to respond to Lloyd's There should be a separation of responsiblities for regulation and market services. This will require a transfer of the current Council's responsibilities to two new bodies - a Lloyd's market board and a regulatory Council, and a splitting of the current-chief



Futuristic outlook: Lloyds will undergo changes

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A two way pull on dividends

hese are anxious days for finance directors, pondering their 1991 calendar year results. the first of which will be revealed in a few weeks. Judging by the series of profit downgradings from serious analysts towards the end of last year. the 1991 results season will not be a pretty one. Whether it is merely bad or truly appalling for investors will hinge to a large degree on dividend

The question for many finance directors is simply to cut or pay out partly from reserves. Encouragement to cut emerged last November from no less a figure than the Governor of the Bank of England himself. He made the point that a calculated dividend reduction in the interests of financial prudence, rather than one enforced by circumstances, should be seen as the mark of

responsible and resolute management. That may prove to be small consolation for those boards which decide to bite the bullet, for the market has a deep rooted hostility to reduced payouts. ICI learned this a decade ago when a surging petro-pound pushed its export business off a cliff and the board quite rightly took the tough decision. The experience burned itself into the memories of Millbank folk and rebuilding bridges in the City to the memories.

in the City took a number of years.

Roughly one in-five of the current FT-SE 100 stocks have last year's dividend uncovered on analysts' forecasts of upcoming profits. Elsewhere many leading companies are similarly placed. GKN's dividend is unlikely to be covered until 1993. T&N appears to be in the same boat, Royal Bank of Scotland needs just one more profits downgrade to join the list, and companies such as Lonrho are suspect despite an apparently safe by by no means well uphoistered cushion of prospective

Taken across the market, dividend cover is much lower than at the depths of the last recession. It will not in many cases be restored by sharply higher profits during 1992. How the resulting tensions between financial rectitude and realistic optimism are resolved company by company promises to be a severe test of relations between management, shareholders and the banks.

Pay claim fears

he pay dispute in the German metal and steel industries and the threat by the IG Metall union to call a steel strike ballot from January 26 may have unsettled the foreign exchange markets, but the situation is not nearly

as bleak as widely assumed.

As usual, the two sides started poles apart, with the employers offering wage rises of 4 per cent, against union claims of well over 10 per cent, but the gap has narrowed amid mounting political pressure. The employers will now settle above 5 per cent and IG Metall has cut claims in the metal sector of over 10 per cent down to 9.5 per cent.

The union's bottom line is still more than the government and the employers would consider appropriate, but a six-plus settlement would amount to no more than inflation plus rise in productivity. This is by no means unreasonable, particularly after ten years of strong industry profits and ultra-moderate wage settlements.

The real risk is not a failure in the negotiations, but the Bundesbank's reaction to the outcome. The monetary hawks of Frankfurt might still consider a 6 per cent average wage rise as too inflationary and react with a repetition of the mistake made in December when they pushed up interest rates by half a percentage point and forced most of Europe to follow against its better economic judgment.

Rowland's landmark provides insurance for Lloyd's future

Jonathan Prynn

examines the radical

report whose proposals are designed to reform the market after its

recent woes

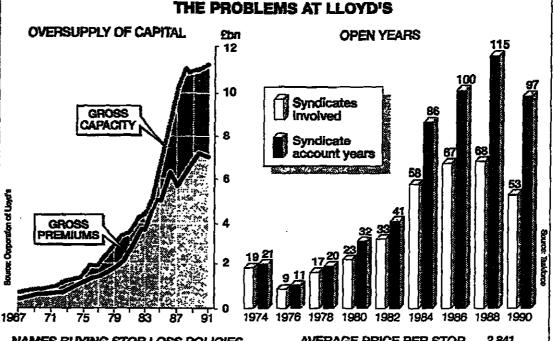
avid Coleridge, the old Etonian chairman of Lloyd's of London, was not exaggerating when he described yesterday's public unveiling of the Rowland report into the market as "one of the most important press conferences ever held at Lloyd's". It is not going too far to say that the future existence of this 300-year-old insurance market rests on the 235-page volume. Entitled Lloyd's: A Route Forward, the report comes at a time of apparently ever-

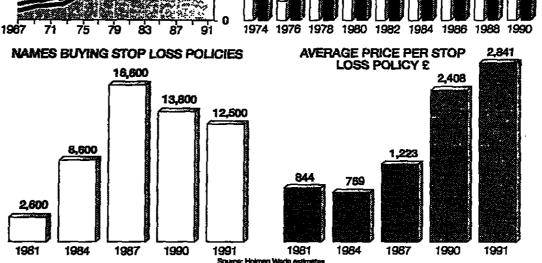
mounting problems for the market. For the past year, Lloyd's has been staring at a bleak and possibly brief future. A scenario in which the loss of names became so acute that Lloyd's could neither reap the benefits of the future upturn in the insurance cycle, nor pay off the environmental liabilities from decades-old policies, was not incon-ceivable. In that situation, Lloyd's would be finished as a serious global player in the international insur-

It was against this backdrop that Mr Coleridge and Murray Lawrence, his forerunner as chairman, commissioned the report in Novem-ber 1990, under the chairmanship of David Rowland, one of the most respected figures in the market and chairman of one of its largest broking groups. That action alone made this report different from those on Lloyd's that had gone before - it was self imposed.

Just over a year later, the finished product showed that, with the help of McKinsey, the management consultant, the 13-man task force had produced a far more radical docu-ment than had been originally envisaged. This was a top to bottom study of the state of Lloyd's and where its future lay. However, such is the pressing need for reform, and the recognition of the need for reform, that 61 of the 65 recommendations included in the report were accepted by Lloyd's ruling council. Only the section concerning the governance of the market as a whole was rejected outright.

The report describes its objective as "identifying the framework within which the society should ideally, be trading in five to seven years hence". To that end, it has analysed the current problems of the market. in particular the need to restore confidence among the capital base, and suggested a broad range of remedial measures. Despite considering the possibility of retrospective action, it has rejected recommending a bailout of the several thousand names suffering hardship because of the losses in the disastrous underwriting years of 1988 to 1991. The only comfort that Mr Rowland can offer these individuals is that should they decide to carry on underwrit-





ing, they can look forward to a much more favourable environment for names at Lloyd's and may, in time, be able to trade through their losses. However, for many, the losses are simply too great for this to be a real

The reforms are divided into three phases. The first is aimed at restoring the risk/reward balance of names investment. Most important is the introduction of a safety net mechanism to protect names from really disastrous losses. However, as Mr Rowland is very keen to stress, this does not mean the end of the unlimited liability status for names. If the ballout fund was exhausted, or failed for any other reason, the name would still be liable under law for his or her individual losses. The fund would be paid for through an intial 0.25 per cent levy on all names, which, suggested Mr Coleridge, may eventually be dropped as the fund reaches a critical mass, making it effectively self financing.

In general, the status of names at Lloyd's will be dramatically increased under the Rowland proposals, bringing their rights closer in line with those of shareholders of quoted companies. For example, Mr Rowland recommends that names should have the right to request the council for replacement of their managing agents; should have the

right to approve major transactions carried out by those agencies; the right to direct and increased access to syndicate information; and the right to annual general meetings of names on syndicates. Other recommended improvements to the position of names include the ability to change underwriting capacity in the middle of the year, more flexible premium income limits; and regular

hase one of the report also, quite rightly, addresses one of the most damaging and intractable problems facing the market, the open years. These have been described as the cancer of Lloyd's and are one of the biggest factors behind the decline in membership. The report recommends that CentreWrite, the special purpose vehicle set up by Lloyd's to quote prices to close open years, should change its strategy to concentrate on individual names rather than entire syndicates. In other words, CentreWrite would offer to free names who wanted to leave the market but were locked in through an open year, by quoting a commercial price for reinsuring that name's

Amid the wholesale reform, two widely expected proposals have been rejected by the task force: the com-

pulsory separation of managing and members agencies (divorce) and the abolition of the traditional threeyear accounting system operating at Lloyd's. There is also a ritual call for huge cost reductions of up to 30 per cent, and a recommendation that the compulsory separation of underwriting agencies and brokers (divestment) should be ended. Mr Rowland has argued that the ethical and regulatory climate at Lloyd's is now very different from that prevailing a decade ago and that under-writers need their own distribution

network to bring more new business

into the market. All the recommendations included within phase I can be implemented within the framework of current legislation. The bolder and more radical vision outlined in phase 2 would require a new Lloyd's Act and are unlikely to see the light of day for at least five years. However, the Council of Llova's has com mitted itself to beginning implementation, and in due course a Bill can be expected to lumber along the legislative route. The key proposal in phase 2, and one which will finally drag Lloyd's into the late 20th century, is the introduction of limited liability capital. This would be in the form of "corporate members": special vehicles specifically set up for the purpose of underwriting in Lloyd's.

ilthough they could, and probably would, be owned by large insurance

The proposal is aimed at countering a potential catastrophic collapse in the provision of capital from the traditional source of wealthy individuals. The proposal also leaves open the option of moving to a fully incorporated basis of trading at some point in the future.

Phase 2 also proposes the compulsory unitisation of smaller names's participation at Lloyd's. Names with a premium limit of less than £500,000 would be forced to join a kind of insurance unit trust, with their exposure spread across a large number of syndicates. Larger "supernames" would, for any participation in excess of £500,000, be able to negotiate directly with syndicate managers rather than dealing indirectly through a members' agent.

ooking further ahead, the task force describes a group of truly radical reforms that would effectively create a secondary market in syndicate participation. This would allow names. through some form of market mechanism, to buy and sell syndicate lines. This would have the advantage that names who wished to leave the market could do so at relatively short notice, although they would clearly have to pay a market price to have a loss making syndicate taken off their hands. The task force does not pretend that this is anything more than a tentative, long-term possibility with a range of technical and legal problems standing in the way of implementation.

Almost all of the reforms proposed in this three-tier vision of change have been welcomed by the council, and the majority by the market as a whole. It is only chapter 14, the section on governance where disagreements have emerged. The council has rejected the proposal that governance should be clearly divided between administration and regulation of the market, arguing that implementation of this proposal would cause too much upheaval and would interfere with carrying out more pressing reforms. The decision is likely to be seen by Lloyd's sceptics as the insiders ducking the chance to clean up the market once and for all, and it may be one that the council comes to

regret.

Mr Rowland's report is a most important landmark in the history of one of Britain's most important financial institutions and one of its biggest foreign currency earners. If it was not for the problems of the recent Dark Age of losses and litiga-tion, it would be hailed as the document that secured the future prosperity of the market.

Liove's is not out of the woods yet Asbestosis, pollution and catastrophe claims continue to pour in and the names continue to vote with their feet, but if Lloyd's can limp through to the middle of the decade, it will owe a huge debt of thanks to David Rowland and his task force colleagues.

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Woolfie yearns for home life ANOTHER of the stalwarts

of the City will soon be retreating to the hinterland. John Woolfenden, aged 5!, once the senior partner of Moulsdale, the Liverpool-based gilts jobber, until it merged with Phillips & Drew in 1985, has resigned from UBS Phillips & Drew where he was initially employed as deputy chairman of its debt division and then, for the past three years, as group compli-ance officer. "I want to go home." says Woolfenden, who has been spending four nights a week in a London flat, returning home to Wig-an at weekends. "I'm fed up with spending four nights a week on my own. After a while it starts to get you down." Woolfenden, known as "Woolfie", says his decision to return to his roots was partly influenced by the decision to replace the Stock Exchange council with a newstyle board. He had been a member of the council for ten years and also served on three committees: the disciplinary committee; the gilt and fixed interest committee; and the membership committee, of which he is still chairman. "I set up the compliance department at UBS. It is now running well and my successor is in place," he adds. Michael Perry. aged 52. Woolfenden's deputy, hitherto responsible for corporate finance compliance within the firm, succeeded him as group compliance officer on January 1 and Woolfenden will leave at the end of this month. The return to his



moving to Russia?"

complete until April when he starts his new job — as compliance officer for BWD Rensburg, the agency broker. Rensburg and Moulsdale were, in dual capacity days. the same firm.

IN A letter to The Wyoming Trucker, published in America, a taxpayer explains how he received a strongly worded "second notice" that his tax payment was overdue. He hurried along to the tax office, paid the bill in full. and apologised, explaining that he must have overlooked or mislaid the first notice. "Oh," said the tax collector with a smile, "we don't send out first notices anymore. We've found that second notices are more effective."

Challenge for Dale BRITAIN'S balance of payments deficit could be set to improve. Iain Dale, chief executive of Dale Electric, a manufacturer of generating sets, who is about to announce improved first-half mois will not, however, be profits - expected to be about

£400,000, against a loss last time of £146,000 - has just been promoted from the South East Asia Trade Adv-isory Group, to the main board of its parent, the British Overseas Trade Board. The promotion, which means that Dale, aged 51, will be rubbing shoulders regularly with the likes of Peter Lilley. The Duke of Kent and Sir John Banham, is said to be in recognition of his efforts as chairman of the South East Asia group during the past four years. In that time, exports to the region have increased almost 50 per cent, from £1.7 billion to £2.6 billion. The challenge has now been set for him to repeat the feat, but on a much bigger

In deep water?

HOSTING the publicity launch of the new International Boat Show at Salford Quays, on a typically overcast Mancunian day, Robert Keys, one of the new inner city ministers and, as such. responsibile for Manchester and Salford, predicted that the image of the area would be transformed from Coronation Street to that of Costa del Saiford. "Who needs Earls Court?" he said, pointing out that simply getting to the Boat Show in London meant enduring pollution and traffic congestion. However, in so doing, he may have upset one of the Conservative party's staunchest supporters. Earls Court is, of course, owned by P&O. whose chairman, Lord Sterling, was a trade adviser to Mrs Thatcher and a major contributor to Tory

Plea on trust port asset sale

From Mr J.P. Hackney Sir, Ross Tieman reports ("Protests grow over sale of Tees trust port assets", Janu-

ary 13) that "Malcolm Rifland has assured Parliament that the selection process for the sale was properly conducted".

That claim ignores the facts. On at least eight counts, the sale process can be clearly

identified as flawed. The recommended bid included a proposal that a member of the existing authority would be offered a seat on the new company's board. To those judging the bids.

interest. The government's objective of encouraging the whole or a substantial management employee ownership of the busi-

From Mr M. Whitby

this posed a clear conflict of

ness is hardly met by the bidder's offer of a 5 per cent involvement held for employees.

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Just as significantly, the recommended bidder was allowed to amend its bid On these three counts alone

This is not the way to privatise one of our key trading sectors; neither does it encourage the remainder of the

it is evident that the process

rest of the industry. Mr Rifkind should overturn the recommended bid and call for a further review. Yours faithfully. JOHN HACKNEY

(Chairman). THPA Consortium PLC. -27 Queens Square. Middlesborough. Cleveland.

Stix nix fan From Mr A. Abeles

Sir. I've been reading, enjoying, and relying on Variety for news of the entertainment world for so long that when its now-famous headline "Stix Nix Hix Pix" came out it was like my dear old mother whispering to me.

It did not mean that audi-

ences in rural areas of Ameri-

ca were rejecting blockbusters that metropolitan audiences were enjoying, as Philip Robinson writes (January 13); it meant they were not interested in films about themselves. People new to "the trade bible" should not be put off by its inventive, staccato headlines. In a few years, they will

become crystal clear. Yours sincerely, ARTHUR ABELES, Ex-Managing Director.

Warner Bros (UK).

Engineering industry to blame for failing to draw the talented

Sir. Your Comment on engineering woes (January 6) right-ly puts only part of the blame for the demise of Britain's engineering industry on City shorttermism and governments' macro-economic failures.

The failure of the industry to perform, however, is in stark contrast to the obvious success of many sectors of the industry which, when compared with their European competitors, as in a recent survey of mechanical engineering companies, are disproportionatey well represented amongst the top five (GKN second, TI fourth).

These results are mirrored by a similar French survey of engineering education, which placed the courses at Cambridge, Imperial and Bristol universities as leaders amongst the top ten of Europe, The failure of the industry can be CAROL LEONARD | seen, however, when we look at

the survey in depth, where our success in the top five is not followed through. Britain manages only four in the top 30, Germany nine, with their highest being only eighth. The same is true in education.

However, it would be unfair to blame the demise of the industry on university education. This is caught in a vicious circle as it responds to students who on entry are, in comparison to other university students, academically low

The failure of the industry lies in its inability to compete for, and maintain, the interest of the talented, motivated school-leavers, who over the last two decades have been presented with increasingly attractive alternatives in professions such as business studies and accountancy.

This failure can only be the fault of the industry itself which, as a result of being represented by 46 separate institutions, has no single voice and no critical mass. Consequently, it is an industry which

fails to be appreciated, be it in

schools, government or the There has been a recent appeal for the unification of the institutions by Sir John Fairdough of the Engineering Council, which is leading to a meeting later this month of all the presidents of the institutions. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, may be distracted by other problems, but would do well to properly support the Engineering Council. This support would give the council the necessary leverage to ensure the success of a venture which is vital to the industry. Yours faithfully.

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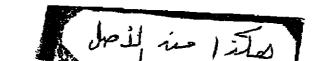


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Time for rugby's rivals to bury hatchet

From Mr Peter R. Priestner Sir, I cannot believe that the sentiments expressed by Mr Wall (January 9) on "codepoaching" are representative of fair-minded followers of

rugby union. The number of former rugby union players in professional rugby league would not cramp the average clubhouse bar and for every rugby union star approached by a rugby league club there are probably a dozen players who have asked professional clubs for trials. There are far more amateur rugby league clubs and players than professional and choice is what every sportsman should have.

Over the years Gareth Edwards and Barry John have written of their reasons for rejecting approaches from rugby league and more re-cently Will Carling and Jeremy Guscott have openly declared their choice to continue in rugby union.

A no-way-back policy for former rugby union players is the chief cause of ill-feeling between the codes, although a glimmer of hope appeared when Steve Ford was allowed to play for Wales after playing in a trial for a professional rugby league club. Oh that this commonsense attitude

could be expanded. Regarding "cherished am-ateurism", is it not time that rugby union stopped pretending and accepted that trust funds to bank the perks of sporting ability are a cover for professionalism?

During and just after the second world war there were games between league and. union teams, with rules exchanged at half-time. Here in the North we enjoy the best of both worlds. Many players of rugby union on Saturdays

Better example

From Mr David H. Walton Sir, Lieutenant-Commander Hogg (January 9), who rightly complains of the deplorable practice of wasting good champagne by spraying it around, may be surprised to hear that when a representative of the very down-market sport, darts, was presented with a bottle of champagne he politely accepted it, smiled wisely, shook hands with the

support rugby league on Sun-ties and to test his skills with days and supporters regularly watch both codes.

In the build-up to the centenary of the breakaway by the Northern Union in August 1895 will the administrators of both codes please get together and bury the hatchet. Have we not come full circle over a century on the matter of players having

the right to earn a living? In Australia the New South Wales Rugby Union is seeking corporate sponsors to establish a fund to reward players for their time away from work.

Here I believe sponsors would fight to promote a game between world rugby union and league sides which would fill Wembley Stadium (or Twickenham) and provide profits for a chosen charity. How about it for the start of the 1995-96 season, or earlier, to celebrate freedom to move to and from both codes and an end to decades of bitterness between two great sports?

Yours faithfully, P. R. PRIESTNER. Rivington Cottage. Hollyhedge Lane, Higher Walton, Warrington, Cheshire.

From Mr W. A. Anderson Sir, While rugby union must inevitably, though temporarily, be weakened by losing players of the calibre of Craig Innes, such condescending attitudes to rugby league as displayed by Mr Wall can only deflect clear thought

from the real issue. Innes, as others before, has left an amateur game and turned professional to receive financial reward for his abili-

presenter, and left the scene clutching the bottle, which he no doubt used properly at a

As Oscar Wilde so rightly observed: "... if the lower orders don't set us a good example, what on earth is the use of them?"

Yours truly. DAVID H. WALTON, 10 St Guthlac's Close. Crowland. Leicestershire

Backdoor cuts in funding

for Stalybridge and Hyde (Labour)

Sir, The first of John Goodbody's articles on the funding of sport (January 15) might also have mentioned the swingeing backdoor cuts that the government has made, away from the limelight, in direct aid for local authority support through the Urban Programme.

Figures supplied to me in parliamentary answers have revealed that, since 1986, government support for sport through UP has fallen in real terms by £40 million - almost the entire annual budget of the Sports Council. What is more, this behind-

Solving disputes

From Dr Karl Mackie Sir, Mr David Teasdale (January 9) is right to identify the need for conciliation to be used more systematically to reduce the direct and indirect costs of sports disputes. Such disputes are likely to grow in number as the sporting world increasingly becomes an arena for international wealth creation and distribution, as

well as entertainment. Our organisation is nonprofitmaking and was launched with the support of the CBI in 1990 to promote the use of mediation techniques. Our experience suggests that

Trivial pursuit

From Mr D. L. Heaton Sir. The recent Nick Faldo World of Golf challenge on BBC television seemed a good idea to pit three sporting worthies, Botham, Mansell and Thompson, against our leading golfer. However, if the BBC is to continue its superb work in the presentation of golf, it should think carefully about the format of these challenges.

The behaviour of the three challengers trivialised the game. It was not the form of the challenge — it has been known for years as a Texas scramble and good fun it is when played with some style.

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ties' support for sport. Faced with this situation, whither local sport in the 1990s? Without a more positive lead from government, and an immediate halt to this sleight-of-hand robbery, the answer must be towards further decline.

Yours faithfully TOM PENDRY. House of Commons.

a practical strategy is needed to create the climate and mechanisms by which inde-pendent third-party assistance can both flourish and

be seen as an effective part of the "rules of the game" Conciliation and mediation are systems to prevent disputes as much as methods to resolve disputes. They should be an integral part of the constitutions of sports bodies and of their commercial

Yours sincerely. KARL MACKIE, Chief Executive, Centre for Dispute Resolution. 100 Fetter Lane, EC4

did not behave as he should.

You do not shout, fall on the

ground and generally exhibit

if your ball does not perform

as you expect. Thompson, a

nice lad and very talented in

his field, should not be let

loose on a golf course, let

alone before television cam-

eras, until he learns what the

I am sure the programme

was intended to be amusing

and different, which it was -

but at a cost. If we are to see

golf trivialised on television

for the purpose of entertain-

ing, it will be reduced to the

level of the game show.

Yours faithfully

D. L. HEATON,

East Cottage, Weybourne, Norfolk.

Regina v R (a Juvenile)

Mr Justice Jowitt

[Judgment January 14]

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief

Justice, Mr Justice Kennedy and

game is all about.

been the subject of criticism. I exclude Botham from much of the criticism, but Mansell, as a serious golfer,

Parke and Jackman lead teenage threat

SQUASH RACKETS

By COLIN McQUILLAN

THE Fight For Sight natstart in Manchester today. could well conclude at the Armitage Centre next Tuesday evening with the first pair of teenage British champions in the history of the sport. Cassandra Jackman, of Norfolk, and Simon Parke, of

Yorkshire, both aged 19, and the junior world champions, are seeded third and fourth respectively in the most compearitive national competitions

Such is the strength of the men's field that Paul Carter, the 1988 winner, makes the top 16 group only marginally ahead of Adrian Davies, the Wales No. 1, and the Scotland champion, Colin Keith. The men's seedings are led

by the young English group that has shaken up the professional circuit this season, with Peter Marshall, the Leicestershire double-hander, and the leading Essex pair of Del Harris and Chris Walker ahead of Parke.

Marshall is drawn in the same quarter as Paul Gregory, the sugged south Londoner, who surprisingly lifted the title last year after Mar-shall missed their semi-final

through food poisoning.
Gregory, seeded deceptively low at No. 7 this year, has timed his training approach for this defence. "My main ambition is to actually bear Marshall this time if we meet in the quarter-finals," he said.



Parke: serious intent

Harris, the first teenager to win the men's crown when he defeated Ashley Naylor in 1987, is locked into a quarter that reads like an Essex closed championship. A demanding third-round

match against John Ransome is likely to lead to a quarterfinal against Tony Hands, an unexpected semi-finalist last year, who defeated Harris for the first time in a decade of constant competition in the Dutch Open last month.

Parke, whose last contribution to the world professional tour was to trounce Jansher Khan in the first round of the Dutch Open, thus contributing to the Pakistani's demotion from the world No. I ranking, is drawn in a relatively comfortable quarter.

His withdrawal from league play this week, to protect a slight hamstring strain. suggests serious intent on reaching a scheduled semi-

Marshall-Gregory metch. Jackman's progress to the later stages of the women's

championship is more problematical yet not beyond the scope of a player who reached three leading finals in her first four months on the senior world tour last year. She is due for a third-round meeting with Jane Martin.

the uncompromising Northumbrian, who defeated her in the British Open under-Z3 final last month, and a quarter-final against Lucy Soutter, the national champion of 1985 and 1989, who beat her in the quarter-finals last year. If she survives, Jackman is then likely to meet Martine Le Moignan, the vastly expe-

rienced defending champion. in the semi-finals. The bottom half of the women's draw in Manchester should produce a semi-final between Lisa Opie, the No. 2 seed and four-time winner.

and Sue Wright. Opie was the first teenage British champion when she defeated Angela Smith in 1981, at the age of 18. Wright, the steadily improving 21-year-old, from Kent. was beaten by Opic when she won the British Open for the first time last April.

BOWLS

Duff achieves remarkable record

HUGH Duff, the 1988 world indoor singles champion, is one of three new caps in the England side to contest the home international series at Teignbridge, Newton Abbot, from March 18 to 20, thus creating a remarkable record (David Rhys Jones writes).

Forced to switch his allegiance simply because he re-cently moved from Auchinleck in Ayrshire to Hull in Humberside, Duff becomes the first man to represent Scotland and England in successive seasons. Duff is one of three Scottish

exiles in the England side. The others are Andy Thomson, Duff's skip, who was born in Fife and plays at Beckenham, and Ronnie, Gass, previously of Dumfries

but now playing for Carlisle. ENGLAND: Rick 1: J Otsovey (Wymonchem Dell, R: Gass (Cumbris), G Burgest-Pardievest, J Bell (Cumbris, Risk 2: J. Rednati (passicit), G Standey (Long Massdow), J Lembert (Sunderland), D Ward: (Risandwood), Rink 3: D Holl (Blacknool) Borryoth), J Evans (Blacepson Sorotga). 3 Event (reignizedge), M Xing (Frincetoc Peril), A Allcook (Benthem), Rick 4: H Deff (Full), G Setth (Cyphaes), B Halter (Pacidington), A Thomson (Cyphaes), Fink 5: K Micriey (Notingham), M Biggs (Themsectows), Patter (Bandley), P Branfeld (Cheecton), Hink, B. J. Soott (Gatenherd), R. Cullin (Resulted), D Patters (Bandley), R. Cullin (Resulted), D. Patters (Bandley), R. Cullin

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The granting of credit for a plea of guilty was not to be taken as an inflexible rule. Some offences were so serious that the public interest required imposition of a maximum sentence despite guilty

The Court of Appeal so stated when giving judgment dismissing an appeal by R, a juvenile aged 15, against sentences imposed at Durham Crown Court by Mr Recorder S. Spencer, QC, where he had been committed for sen-tence to be dealt with under ections 37 and 56 of the Crim inal Justice Act 1967, on pleas of guilty to two charges of taking a conveyance without authority, allowing himself to be carried in a motor vehicle knowing it had been taken without the owner's

consent, reckless driving and driving uninsured.
For reckless driving he was

sentenced to nine months detention in a young offender instituthree months detention on each of the other offences, except un-insured driving for which no separate penalty was imposed. He was disqualified for holding a

Mr Jamie R. Adam, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant. MR JUSTICE JOWITT, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant unlocked and took a car parked at Teesside Airport and two days later took a

high performance car from its garage in South Tyneside.

ran off, pursued by police. ... driving licence for two years.

Law Report January 16 1992 Court of Appeal

He was seen driving that car soon after 4am on July 5, 1991 on a Sunderland housing estate and was pursued by a police pairol car. Then, on the appellant's part, there was driving of the most appalling recklessness. the car finally came to a halt, he

He was on bail when he committed his final offence of being carried in the vehicle which he knew had been taken without consent. He had a history of failing to respond to non-custodial sentences and was unable or unwilling to respond to them.

The reckless driving offence was too serious to allow of any but a custodial sentence. Had he been 21 or over, an immediate custodial sentence would have been inevitable.

Their Lordships took the view also that, having regard to the offence of reckless driving even without his history of offences, a custodial semence was necessary to safeguard the public from serious harm by the appellant.

The purpose of that notice was

to establish that the applicant was exercising her right to return to

work, to remove the suspension on the employer's obligations and to allow him to make final

arrangements to comply with his

tice was mandatory and there was

no other way in which an ap-plicant could exercise her right to

No such notice had been given in the present case and the employee could not bring her claim for unfair dismissal under

section 56.

sibilities. The written no-

No discount for guilty plea He drove through red traffic
lights at speeds in excess of was that although the appellant somph, reached speeds of pleaded guilty, he received the 100mph and drove the wrong way round a roundabout. When months for a juvenile. It was the ext finelly carries as a batter. submitted that that meant he was given no credit for his pleas of

> The first and foremost answer although in most cases, the court would give credit for a plea of guilty, the public interest dictated that that was not to be seen as an

There were cases in which, despite the plea of guilty, the offences were of such seriousness, the more so when it was so prevalent in a locality as the stant offence was and potentially highly dangerous to life and limb, the public interest required the imposition of the maximum

sentence If ever there was such a case the present was it. That point alone was sufficient to dispose of the appeal which was dismissed.

Need for written notice of return to work

Institute of the Motor Indus-

try v Harvey Before Mr Justice Wood, Miss J. W. Collerson and Mr R. J. Lewis [Judgment January 14]

In an appeal concerning the relationship between a claim for constructive dismissal under section 55 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 and for unfair dismissal based on section 56 (failure to permit a woman to return to work after confinement) the Employ-ment Appeal Tribunal emphasised the need for written notice to the employers at least 21 days before the proposed date of return in accordance with section 47(1) of the Act without which she

could not exercise her right to return to work.

The tribunal was considering an appeal by the Institute of the Motor Industry and a cross-appeal by Mrs Janice Harvey, from a decision of a Bedford industrial tribunal in February

Mr Peter McMaster for the institute; Mr A. J. Pullen of Hammersmith and Fulham Community Law Centre for Mrs

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that the industrial tribunal unanimously decided that the employee's contract of employment subsisted during her maternity leave and by a majority that she was precluded from bringing a claim for constructive dism under section 55 based on a breach of the implied term of trust and confidence.

employee absent from work wholly or partly because of pregnancy was prima facie entitled to return to work. Section 45 gave the employee specific rights regarding her employment and the exercise of

Under section 33 of the Act an

the right to return to work was set out in section 47(1) which re-quired written notice at least 21 days before the proposed date of return. Section 56 provided that failure to permit a woman to return to work after confinement should be treated as dismissal. The basic obligations of a

contract of employment for the employer to provide reasonable work and make payment and for the employee to carry out that work were clearly suspended until the exercise by the employee of her right to return. Until she exercised that right,

there was no obligation upon an employer to reinstate her. That obligation was triggered by the

Practice Note (Planning: Appeals to High Court: Leave) Section 289 of the Town and

Country Planning Act 1990 and section 65(5) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended respectively by section 6(5) of and Schedule 3 to the Planning and Compensation Act 1991 (which concerned appeals to the High Court relating to enforcement notices and listed building enforcement notices) required the leave of the High Court to be obtained to bring proceedings

From the coming into force of that amendment on January 2. 1992 and pending amendments of the Rules of the Supreme Court the practice laid down below would apply.

under those sections

Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, sitting with Mr Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Jowitt in the Queen's Bench Divisional Court

said that notice of application for leave had to be given in writing and had to set out the details of the decision challenged, the grounds of the challenge and any propositions of law relied upon and to include, where necessary, an application to extend time for making the application for leave, stating the reasons why the application was not made within

posed respondents.

fundamental breach of a term of the contract of employment. However, that breach could not include any allegation in connec-tion with the failure to reinstate her after her confinement as there was no obligation on the employ-ers to do so as she had not given the requisite notice. There was insufficient material

doing so she had to identify a

before the appeal tribunal to reach a conclusion on that issue and the claim for constructive dismissal would be remitted to an industrial tribunal for further

Solicitors: Duffield Harrison,

Leave for planning appeals

She wished to allege construc-

The decision letter of the secretary of state had to be attached to the written notice. An affidavit verifying the facts in support of the application had to be lodged with the notice. The notice and accompanying documents, including the affidavit had to have been served upon the pro-

so stated in a practice note on January 14. certified by the applicant to the Crown Office when lodging the notice of application for leave. A The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE proposed respondent could submit written submissions before the hearing of the application for leave. Any such written response had to be lodged in the Crown Office and served upon the other parties to the proceedings. Notice of application for leave

20 appeal had to be submitted within 28 days of the decision within 28 days of the decision challenged or good reason had to be shown to the court why the notice was not lodged within that period. shown otice was not longer period.

If leave to appeal was granted notice of motion had to be lodged, and served within seven days of the decision to grant leave.

The date of service upon the proposed respondents had to be

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Master Bob can make mark

Taunton differ vastly from those encountered on the Grand National course at Liverpool, the Eldridge Pope Handicap Chase will still generate interest in the Aintree speciacular for two rea-

Today's race is run over four-and-a-quarter miles, one of the few that approaches the distance of the National.

Also, it has attracted Royal Battery who will, in the opinion of his trainer David Barons, provide a strong second string to Seagram in this year's race on April 4.

While Barons is hopeful that Royal Battery will win today following that sound run in sixth place behind

1.15 Princess Moodyshoe. 1.45 Broughton Manor.

MANDARIN

2.15 Tiger Claw. 2.45 Master Bob.

(nap). 4.15 Repaido.

New Year's day, it is pertinent to add that, on today's terms. there should be precious little between him and Honeybeer

that day. In the circumstances, I am more inclined to look to the top weight Master Bob as the likely winner. While last year's fruitless crack at the National is most untikely to be repeated this spring, Mas-ter Bob still remains a force to contend with especially as

the going will be riding fast. His only bad run this season was in the Hennessy when he was found to be unsound the following day. Otherwise, he has been placed each time. While be-

RICHARD EVANS

1.45 Broughton Manor. 2.15 KIBREET (0ap).

THUNDERER

3.15 Coole Dodger.
3.45 BLAKENEYS GIFT
(nap).
4.15 CARBONATE (nap).

1.15 PICKERIDGE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (4 Y-O: £1,299: 2m 3f) (11 runners)

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD PATCHES)

1.45 Broughton Manor.

2.15 Viking Flagship. 2.45 Honeybeer Mead.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.15 PRINCESS MOODYSHOE.

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1.45 BICKENHALL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,912: 2m 3f) (11 runners)

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Long handicap: Tiger Claw 10-6, Deep Fissh 10-3, Shades Ot Peace 9-6.
BETTING: 9-4 Shu Fly, 7-2 Tiger Claw, 4-1 Vising Registry, 6-1 Castle Secret, 8-1 Galway Star, 10-1 others.
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2.45 ELDRIDGE POPE HANDICAP CHASE (\$3,582: 4m 2f 110yd) (15 runners)

Long handicap: Deny Goven 9-12, Stearsby 9-12, Just So 9-12, Honeybeer Mead 9-11, Backpacker 9-3, Country Deny 9-1, Arctic Baron 8-10, The Fortise 8-7, Montgomery 7-12, Octy's Filer 7-9, Daybrook Verb 7-9, Tagmoun Chaufour 7-9.

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BETTING: 4-1 Royal Baltery, 9-2 Honeybeer Mead, 6-1 Master Bob, Steersby, 6-1 Country Diary, Just So, 10-1 Arctic Baron, 12-1 Glenaute Jerry, 14-1 others

1991: JUST SO 8-10-0 S Burrough (16-1) J Roberts 16 ran

BETTING: 11-4 Smertle Express, 3-1 Richter, 9-2 Broughton Manor, 6-1 Why Ever Not, 8-1 others. 1991: LAUNORYMAN 8-10-12 M Perrett (7:2) S Mellor 14 ran

2.15 UNITY FARM HOLIDAY CENTRE LIMITED HANDICAP HURDLE

(£5,602: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

FORM FOCUS

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Mead, who finished second, ing outclassed by Chatam in the Mandarin Chase at Newbury last month, Master Bob still ran well enough to suggest that he can make his

mark in this company. All those below Glenside Jerry will be carrying more than their allotted weight in the extended handicap and they include Just So, the winner of the corresponding race

12 months ago. Shu Fly, who heads the weights for the Unity Farm Holiday Centre Hurdle, put up the best performance of his career so far at Windsor

beat Royal Derbi by three and a half lengths.

However, he was not the only one to excel on the Thamesside track that day. Earlier, Tiger Claw had won his second race of the season by beating Egypt Mill Prince by 20 lengths.

While both performances were obviously taken into account by the handicapper when the weights for thisrace were compiled, I still feel that the concession of 21 to to Tiger Claw could prove too much for Shu Fly.

The programme can begin with Princess Moodyshoe appreciating the drop in class into the Pickeridge Novices' Claiming Hurdle after a

Having beaten Smartie Express by six lengths last time when they met over this course and distance.
Broughton Manor now has a good chance of beating that rival again since they will be meeting on only 3lb worse terms in the Bickenhall Novices' Handicap Chase.

Blakeneys Gift, who is a full brother to Baron Blakeney, the winner of the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham in 1981, is napped to win the Yarcombe Novices' Handicap Hurdle following that promising first run of the season behind Dancing Paddy, who went on to win at Fontwell last Monday.

FORM FOCUS MASTER BOS 61 2nd of 3 to Chaten in a handicap chase at Newbury (3m 2/82pd, good). Previously, creditable 6/2nd of 9 to Ace Of Spies in a handicap chase at Chellenham (3m 44, good), with GLEN-SIDE JERRY mater-off 8m. STEARSBY 15/2nd of 7 to Mysuc Music in a hunter chase at Ayr (3m 110pd, good). JUST SO 2½/2nd of 11 to Yingan in a handicap chase at Chepstow Om St. good to soft) on penutumate start HONEY-BEER MEAD 2% 2nd of 10 to Rubska in a handcap chase at Cheltenham (4m, good), with ROYAL BAT-TERY (8b werse off) 7 ld 6th and JUST SO (3b better off) 71 Bth. COUNTRY DIARY 2 2nd of 8 to Stoton Abbey in a handicap chase at Lecester (3m. groof). Selection: MASTER BOB

3.15 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

(Qualifier: £2,039; 2m 110yd) (14 runners)				
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5	0/P06-	ARTFUL ARTHUR 243 (Mrs P Beck) J McConnochie 8-11-0 J Pullin (7)	83	
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9	•	LITTLE EANIE (D Hunt) J Roberts 6-11-0 G Upton		
10	413-60		84	
11	90	REMEMBER CHARTER 50 (Charter Racing Ltd) M Pipe 6-11-0, M Foster (3)		
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13	UP-PP	JANET SCIBS 13 (G Basemen) N Ayaffe 6-10-9 B Cafford (5)	_	
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2	00PQ-2	BLAKENEYS GIFT 13 (F Ball) D Merks 6-11-7 S McNell	9 99
8		CELTIC CATCH 17 (D,F) (Mrs 8 Long) J Bosley 8-11-7 M Bosley	
. 4	0P-0606	EMERALD RULER 16 (R Michaels) F Jorden 5-11-7 J Lodder	83
5	3-10254	CHARMED I'M SURE 13 (F) (P Dening) R Holder 5-11-5	80
		NORTHERN SADDLER 15 (R Evens) R Hodges 5-11-3 G McCourt	92
- '7	P0001B	IBN ZAMAN 19 (B,G) (D Carey) D Carey 5-10-10	85
8	/P/F0/6-	SILVER PATROL 476 (M Stoddart) D Barons 7-10-6	_
9	. P/040	MORE BY LUCK 13 (B) (D Hodges) R Holder 6-10-3 E Byrne	88
10	POOPFO-	LANE LAD 253 (Mrs. J. Wottnecott) Mrs. J. Wonnecott B-10-3 S. Donohoe (5)	_
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13	00P6	ROYAL PIPER 17 (A Derington) D Barons 5-10-0	91
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Long handicap: Hallovastate 9-12. The Fly Boys 9-5.

BETTING: 7-2 Repeldo, 4-1 Cerbonate, 6-1 Five Lamps, Sukasb, 8-1 Primatice. Shadeux, 10-1 others. 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

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2,30 NEW BROOM HANDICAP HURDLE (\$1,656. 2m) (7 runners)

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SIS GOING: STANDARD 1.00 LITTLE ACORNS MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,339: 2m 6f) (8 runners)

1.30 CAVEAT EMPTOR SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,292 2m 4f) (9 runners)

2.00 FRIEND IN NEED HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,566: 2m 4f) (3 runners)

BETTING: 2-5 Marini Demoer, 4-1 Gallant Etters, Wick Pound.

Long handicap: Hold Court 9-8.
BETTING: 9-4 Gine-Dane, 3-1 Belmoredeen, 7-2 Jumby Bsy. 5-1 Sing The Blues, 8-1 Hold Court.
10-1 Westmood, 20-1 Cone Lane. 1991: DRIVING FORCE 5-11-10 J White (9-4) M McCourt 3 ran 3.00 MORE HASTE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,541: 2m) (11 runners) gPP CROWN BALADEE 15 (M Thorgood) M Uster 5-11-7 Halls (7)
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Kashan fails to justify heavy festival backing

BY RICHARD EVANS. RACING CORRESPONDENT

BACKING horses for the Cheltenham festival before they have jumped a twig in public must rate as one of the more extreme forms of optimism - or lunary.

Yesterday morning there was no shortage of people willing to invest substantial sums on Kashan winning the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle, one of the trickiest races for backers to get right at Prestbury Park in March.

Glowing reports from Nicky Henderson's yard, combined with an impressive Flat pedigree which saw the four-year-old win a listed race at Deauville for Andre Fabre. prompted ever-hopeful supporters to empty the piggy

post wagers of £20,000 to £1,000, £16,000 to £1,000 and £14,000 to £1,000 twice and promptly cit Kashan's price from 20-1 to 14-1. All that was required of

impressively. The first part of the mission

Dunwoody force the 11-8 on favourite home by a head in

"It was hardly earth shatpoint getting carried away by

William Hill reacted by knocking out Kashan to 20-1. Were it not for our liability he would be out of the list after that," Don Payne, the Hill's representative, said.

banks and go for broke. William Hill reported ante-

Kashan was to win his first race over timber, the Rays Novices' Hurdle at Windsor yesterday, and to do so

was accomplished, but Henderson was the first to admit it was far from impressive. having watched Richard

the last 50 yards. tering." Henderson said. "I am a little disappointed because he has jumped beautifully at home. I am sure that was not the greatest contest in the world and there is no

Pitman: coasted home on Baydon Star

Henderson reported that Mutare will miss the Hamoton Novices' Chase at Kemp-

ton on Saturday due to the firm ground and will be switched to Chepstow next Tuesday. Jenny Pitman, recovering at home from influenza,

missed seeing Baydon Star, ridden by her son Mark, can-ter home in the EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle but can look forward to more victories from the five-year-old if yesterday's performance is a reliable yardstick.

"He's still green and has a little bit to learn about the job. but we are pleased. He is bred to be a three miler but has the speed to win over two." David Stait, assistant 10 Pitman.

Despite being brought down and unseating his rider on several occasions. The Green Stuff's jumping is better than his record would

indicate. John Upson's sevenyear-old chaser did not put a foot wrong in the Datchet Handicap Chase to beat Setter Country by three lengths. 'He's been brought down

three times in his life but he's a better jumper than that," Upson said. "He's not much, but he's a nice little handicarper who will win races.

Call for accountability in proposed BHB structure

BY RICHARD EVANS

THE proposed British Horseracing Board must include trainers and breeders and should have the power to appoint and sack Jockey Club staff, according to a leading British owner.

The recommendations are among a list of constructive observations made by Gerald Leigh, chairman of Sterling Securities and owner of Eydon Hall Farm Stud, which have been forwarded to Lord Hartington and leaders of racing's main organisations.

Leigh acknowledges the Jockey Chih's power sharing plan has presented British racing with a "new chance" and he is known to admire the role played by Lord Hartington. However, he believes a number of major issues need to be addressed.

"Any new administration of British racing should be representative of those who work and invest in the indus-Lord Hartington should specify the exact division of responsibilities proposed between the Jockey Club and the BHB.

"Lord Hartington should sary on practical grounds, BHB for approval.

state how the board will be held accountable for its activities. It must be made clear how long the board will serve and how they will be

replaced. The board should have control of its own secretariat and over the appointment of dismissal of members of the Jockey Club's."

Accountability - or the po-tential tack of it - is being raised repeatedly by those within racing who are studying the Jockey Club's Michael Caufield, secre-

tary of the Jockeys' Assocation, said yesterday: Above all, any new board must be accountable to the industry, especially to those who may not hold a seat on any new board." He suggested the BHB, as proposed by Lord Hartington, would not be directly answerable or accountable to racing.

Leigh, whose breeding sucss include Markofdistinction, Casey and Brocade. is convinced if the BHB is to be properly representative it

many suitable candidates belong to one or other of these

'In addition, because many of the major racecourses are owned by the Jockey Club, the Levy Board or non-profit making charitable institutions and because for most owners racing is nothing more than a sport, it is important that their presence on the new racing board is balanced by representa-tives of breeders and trainers who are the commercial in-

vestors in the industry.' In the short term the Jockey Club and its officials will continue to administer racing. If the admininstration is to become more representative of racing and more accountable to those who work within it "a practical development would be for the Club, or at least its executive members, to become directly accountable to a British Horseracing Board," Leigh

All the Club's executive committees should include representatives of the indusmust include both breeders try, and any strategic deci-and trainers. "This is neces-

Baker holds fire on Tote future

RACING's hopes of owning countable organisation had the Horserace Totalisator Board in the near future were dashed by the Government yesterday (Richard Evans

Kenneth Baker, home secretary, said it would not be sensible to consider the future status of the pool betting organisation until the outcome of the present restructuring within racing was known.

As predicted in The Times yesterday, Baker has decided against agreeing in principle that the Tote should be handed over to racing when a suitable democratically ac-

order."

been created to run the sport. The Commons home affairs select committee had suggested such an offer would act as an incentive to encourage racing to "put its house in

Baker, responding to the select committee's report. said: "The Government accepts that its present relationship with the Tote is anomalous. However, the committee did not feel that any of the existing racing bodies should own the Tote. Instead the

new, democratically accountable racing body.

"We do not yet know whether such a body will be created or, if so, whether it would be a suitable owner of the Tote."

"In the circumstances, it would not be sensible for the Government to take decisions about the Tote's future until

the picture is clearer."

Lord Wyatt of Weeford. chairman of the Tote, said: We are well satisfied with the Home Office response to the home affairs report on the Tote and believe that it matches the circumstances."

Temeraire (20-1) 11 ran 11-1, 81 R Ake-hursi Tois 62:00, £1:10 £1:10 £9:90 DF £2:00 CSF £2:92.

harst fole 200, E1 to £110 £30 DF £200 CSF £252.

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Daity Dancer (12-1) 3. Hand Peinted (6-4 j: lav.) 7 ran 2bd. 2bd. 3 Gosdon Tote £200. £1 40. £400. DF £18-40 CSF £16-72

2.50 (61) 1, Palacegate Racing (J Caroli, 4-1), 2, Pop To Stans (4-5 fav.) 3. Dark Midnight (12-1) 8 ran Hd. 41. J Berry Tote £420. £150. £120 £2 90 DF £3 10 CSF £758

3.20 (1m) 1. Dub6n Indemnity (W Newnes, 5-4 fav.) 2 Ferdia (5-2), 3. Up. The Punjab (5-1) 7 ran 2bd. 15 10 CSF £3 70 CSF £809

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3.50 (Im) 1, Kissavos (T Rogers, 8-1), 2, Mac's Princess (9-4 fav), 3, Question Of Degree (12-1), 13 ran Sin hd, 15-1 C Elsey Tole (98.50 E2 10, 51.20, 55.90 Df 29.30 CSF £26.65 Tilicas) £211 17 Placepot: £17.70.

□ Trevor Rogers partnered

Kissavos to a short-head success at Southwell yesterday.

but received a two-day ban (January 24-25) for excessive

use of the whip.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

committee considered that

the Tote should be owned by a

Windsor

Gorg: good to lirm (chase course), good (hurdles)
1,30 (2m 30yd hdie) 1, Kashan (R Dun-woody, B-11 lay; 2, Road To Au Bon (12-1), 3, AnanAa (20-1), 17 (an Hd. 2) N Henderson, Tote S 180; £1 30, £4 80, £8 70 DF £41,70 CSF £13,72 CSF: 25 64, 2.30 (2m 30yd hole) 1, Baydon Star (M Pitmen, 5-- tav), 2, Bardesan (7-1), 3, De-tra Dova (7-2) 13 tan NR Spey Royale 71, 191, Mrs J Pitman Tote: 25 50, 51 70, 52 30, 51 50 DF 57 00 CSF \$12 30

3.00 (2m 51 ch) 1, Avonburn (i Lawrence, 7-2), 2, Popeswood (5-1), 3, Solar Cloud (10-1) Evening Rais 5-2 lav 6 ran NR Peddy's Draem 2, 8l M Robinson Tote Ex 60, 61.50, 62.50 DF: E15-90 CSF, E19-02 \$19 02 3.30 (3m ch) 1, Ozjar (5 McNeil, 9-1), 2, Disco Dule (20-1), 3, Afaltoun (4-1), Brave Detender 6-4 fav. 11 ran 10i, 2\nl K Balley Tote \$11 40, \$2200, \$240, \$190 DF \$70.40 CSF \$153.56 Tricast \$766.66

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4.00 (2m 30yd hdie) 1, Society Guest (D Fortt, 11-4 lav Richard Evans's nap), 2, Forest Fawn (10-1) 3, Lyph (12-1), 4, Mismi Splash (4-1) 17 ran NR: Platonic Affart 3, 124 A Turnell, Tote 64 40; £1 20, £3 30 £3 30, £2 20 DF £13 10 CSF £33 79 Tropasi £294 18. Placepot £124 80

Ludlow Going: good

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Lad St. 101 R Dickin Tole £130,10: £650, £270, £290 DF £248,80 CSF £352.75 C353 75
2.40 (3m ch) 1, Gien Cherry (C Liewellyn 5-2 tev, Mandam's napr. 2, The City Minstel (7-1), 3, Powder Boy (33-1), 4, Here Comes Chairer (9-2), 16 rain Hid, 15). 7 Forster Yole: C3.60 E1.50, E2.30, U2.40, C2.10, DF £21.70, CSF £19.28 Tireast £40, 78
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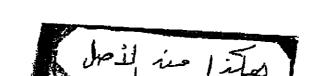
22 10 OF 521 70 CSF \$19.28 Turast \$2408.76 3.10 (2m 41 ch) 1, Eastshaw (C Llewedyn, 6-1) 2, Senator Of Rome (4-1 lay) 3, Ethe Boy (12-1) 10 ran 4, 394 1 Forsier Tote \$9.40, \$2.90, \$2.90, \$2.10, \$2.30 OF \$2.040 CSF \$1.27 31 Tricast \$2.249.33 3.40 (2m 51 hdle) 1, Young Hustler (P Scudamore, 15-2), 2, Staunch Rwal (12-1), 3, Deep Rash (50-1), 4 Llacca Sam (10-1) Musical Monarch 7-2 lay 16 ran NR Fenculae, 3t Robert 10t, by fix Trans 10t, 195 1 Western Davies Tote £7.70 \$2.30, \$2.40, \$2.2.10, \$2.40 OF £153.80 CSF £88 12 Turast £3.762 24 4 10 (2m llaft) 1, Visaga (W Marston, 10-1), 2, Fly Guard (3-1), 3, Zanyman (10-11 lay) 18 ran 391, 391 D Nichotson, Tote \$8.80, \$2.30, \$2.20, £1.40 DF £27.40 CSF £40.34 Placepot: Not won (pool of £2,828.40 carned forward to Taution today).

Southwell Going: standard

1.20 (5); 1 Meeson Times (N Carlisle, 9-2); 2, On The Edge (16-1); 3, Hinari Video (12-1); Funella 4-1 lay 14 rain Hd, 11-1 la Elisson, Tote 15-40, E. 190, 52-70, 54-20, DF-1237 90; CSF 169-63, Tincast, 1755-66



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BETTING. 2-1 Far Too Loud, 7-2 Capital Punishment, 5-1 Carly-B, 6-1 Hello Vanos, 6-1 The Hill, 10-1 others 1991: ST VILLE 5-11-6 H Davies (7-2) D Grissell 14 ran

Long handicap: Able Sallor 9-9. Gyosy Trail 9-9
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SETTING: 5-2 Lily Sugars 7-2 Fogar, 5-1 Highland Land, 8-1 Gyosy Trail, 8-1 Ten Deep. 10-1 others.
1991: COLONEL CHINSTRAP 5-11:10 G Moore (3-1 lav) A Moore 11 ran

1931: WICK POUND 5-10-4 K Mooney (6-5 lav) J Old 4 ran

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Familiar pattern for Becker

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE **TENNIS CORRESPONDENT** IN MELBOURNE

THE pattern of Boris Becker's Australian Open is starting to bear an uncanny resemblance to his title-winning run last year. Then, he had to face an Italian, Omar Camporese, on court one foilowed by Patrick McEnroe in the semi-finals; yesterday, he was relegated to the same court against Gianhica Pozzi from Bari and tomorrow he meets John McEnroe in the third round

"I will just have to put the name aside and play my own game," Becker said; something he has managed to do very successfully in winning their last six meetings. McEnroe said: "He has beaten me easily the last two times, so if I do exactly the opposite of what I did then, maybe I'll have a chance."

Not since March 1985 has the American beaten Becker, though they went at it for 76 games in an epic Davis Cup rubber in Harrford, Connecticut, four years ago.

Yesterday, McEnroe did well to reverse his defeat by Andrei Cherkasov in Paris last year on the more favourable surface at Flinders Park in the second round. Earlier in the week, McEnroe had been complaining about the increasing importance of power in the game, and while Cherkasov is no powerhouse, he still hits the ball considerably harder than the former world No. I, who has to rely mainly on his wits these days.

Those proved too strong for the Russian, though the result was in the balance right to the end because McEnroe was twice a break down in the fourth set before coming back to win 7-5, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

The volatile American's one problem stemmed from his old enemy, Cyclops, the elec-tronic line-calling system. At the Masters in 1989, he had suggested that Cyclops recognised him, and dearly the one-eyed monster does not forget faces. In the opening game, McEnroe had a lengthy argument with the umpire, Jay Snyder, about the efficiency of the system. "Are we playing to the beep?" he asked. Later, he accused Snyder of lying his way out of the argument, but at least for once the beep was legitimate: not one to mask an expletive.

Once he had settled down, McEnroe, ranked 18 places lower than his opponent at 39, began to play as well as he has done at any time over the last six months. He served consistently, volleyed soundly and exerted just enough pressure to make life uncomfortable for Cherkasov, who broke twice to take the second set but never quite had the weapons to do further

His brother. Patrick, also suffered from an attack of beeps during his four-set win over Jeff Tarango, an old team-mate. McEnroe was distracted several times by noises from the courtside loudspeaker system. McEnroe junior now has the chance to instigate a family double because he plays another Russian, Andrei Chesnokov, in the third

Becker had far less trouble with Pozzi than he did in beating Camporese over nearly five hours 12 months ago, though he had to pull back from 2-5 down in to take opening set. "I just wanted to make sure I did not play as long as last year," Becker said. "That was on my mind." Besides the defending

champion, the former winners, Stefan Edberg and Ivan Lendl, progressed to the third round relatively easily. With-out playing anywhere near his best, Lendl beat Roger Rasheed, a thick-set young Australian, who has spent more time weightlifting to strengthen his back than on the tennis court over the past few years. Lendl simply had to wait for him to make a mistake, but he himself made too many errors and both Camporese and Edberg, two potential opponents later in the tournament, would have beaten him on yesterday's

Two seeds fell in the men's singles - Karel Novacek and Derrick Rostagno - and there was almost a third. David Wheaton saving three match points before overcoming Niklas Kulti. But British interest ended with defeat for Jo Durie, who was beaten in three sets by Larisa Savchenko, of Larvia



Courting success: John McEnroe showed glimpses of his best against Cherkasov

profile sports. Even some leading events are suffering. The Royal International Horse Goodbody considered

Show in Birmingham last June was assured of BBC television coverage and also the presence of the Princess Royal, the president of the International Equestian Federation, and other members of the International Olympic Committee, whose session was be-

the sponsorship of British sport. More

and more companies, par-

ticularly small ones, are scrutinising their budgets and deciding to cut their

outlay on sponsorship. The main victims are the lower-

But no company put up the necessary £70,000 sponsorship and the Sports Council, anxious that Britain should not be embarrassed with so many inter-national dignitaries around, eventually stepped in to save the event from

cancellation.

The Rugby World Cup
was a still bigger example
of a leading international
event struggling to fulfil experiations even with its pectations, even with its appeal to the affluent audience that sponsors are try-

ing to reach.

It began with hopes of having eight sponsors paying £2 million each; eventually, agreements were concluded with only six main sponsors, totalling £4.5 million, and other support and supplies brought in a further £5.5 million.

The true seriousness of the fall-off in sponsorship became apparent last Council sent circulars to 50 national governing bodies of British sport.

The survey said that "al-though the market has not dried up, it is very depressed, with most sports reporting a worsening situ-ation. While major companies continue to invest significant sums in events or individuals offering the highest profile, competi-

racked by recession OF BRITISH **SPORT**

Marvellous medium

British sport is short of money. Yesterday, John

the effects of local government cutbacks. Today, he examines

declining sponsorship tion and sports in the next category down are report-ing almost negative results

in the current market." The report added that there was an increasing number of withdrawals from existing contracts as well as failure to renew agreements at the end of the contract. Ice skating's income from sponsorship fell from £275,000 in 1990-I to about £20,000 in 1991-2, brienteering lost its backing from TSB and bowls its British Isles championships support

from NatWest. Bob Peach, head of mar-keting for the Sports Coun-cil, said: The picture from almost all the governing bodies is that sponsorship is becoming harder to ob-tain and retain."
The Sports Council find-

ings are confirmed by John Perera, a director of Alan Pascoe Associates, one of the leading sponsorship and promotion agencies. "There is less money

about," he said. "However, this does not mean there is not a lot of interest in sponsorship over the last three months. In fact, there is greater volume than ever before in terms of meetings and discussion. There is still backing for high-pro-file sports but the smaller sports are struggling."

MATED UP-FRONT UK EXPENDITURE



quickly replace them - and leave less support for other Some British sports also dread a ban on sponsorship by drink companies, as will occur in France from next January. Drink sponsorship in British sport is esti-mated at £30 million a year. 15 per cent of the market.

Derek Etherington, a leading sponsorship con-sultant, said it would be "extremely serious" if alco-"extremely serious" it alco-hol funding of sport, which is still increasing, were to be banned. He added that the sponsorship market had increased in 1991 by six to seven per cent, al-though this is challenged by the Sports Council.

He claimed: "The growth

He claimed: The growth has been in professional sport particularly and the 1991 figures have been boosted by two one-off events — the Rugby World Cup and the World Student Games — and also the Brit-ish Steel round the world yacht race, although it does not start until September.

therington said that, although 44 spon-sorships had lapsed in 1991, some had been replaced. He pointed out that there were 700 men-tions of sponsorship in the national press in 1991, 200 more than in any previous year, and there had been a large growth in sports clothing and shirt adver-tising. He accepted that local sponsorship had probably suffered but said that this had never been included in the Sportscan figures

Etherington's experience is shared by Ian Muir, chairman of the Institute of Sports Sponsorship (ISS), who does not believe there have been great cutbacks. "Many companies are cer-tainly examining their promotions (more profession-ally, and not going on the whim of the chairman, but the internal surveys of the.
ISS indicate no falling off.
Muir applauded Robert
Atkins, the minister for sport, for announcing last month a 13 million poundernment backing for tivities in the inner city and

for young people.

Etherington remained convinced that, with companies needing to commu nicate and advertising being expensive, "sponsorship remains a marvellous medium".

> Tomorrow: what is the answer?

SECOND-ROUND RESULTS FROM MELBOURNE

Men's singles

SECOND ROUND: S Edberg (Swe) bt C Mazzadri (Swrtz), 6-1, 6-2, 6-1, J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt J Siernerink (Netth, 7-5, 6-1, 7-6, 1. Wahlpren (Swe) bt D Rostagno (US), 6-1, 7-5, 7-6, 1. Koslowski (Ger) bt P Cane (It), 6-2, 1-6, 7-6, 6-2, 0 Camporese (It) bt S Youl (Aus), 6-3, 8-4, 7-5; J McEnroe (US) bt A Cherkasov (CS), 7-5, 1-6, 8-4, 6-3, D Whestor (US) bit N Kurit (Swe), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, 2-6, 8-6; M Woodforde (Aus), bt F Caned (Sp.), 8-7, 6-4, 6-1, 3-6, 7-5; M Zoecke (Ger) bt C Proline (Fr), 3-6, 6-2, 7-6, 7-6; 1 Lend (C2) bt R Resheed (Aus), bt F Caned (Sp.) at Charger (Netfh) bt J Ellingh (Netfh), 1-6, 6-4, 5-7, 6-1, 6-3; P McEnroe (US) bt J Tarango (US), 6-1, 4-6, 4-6, 3-4, 8-4; W Fererar (SA) bt K Novacek (Cz), 3-6, 6-3, 7-6, 7-6, B Becker (Ger) bt G Pozza (N), 7-5, 7-5, 6-2.

Upper Hutt - Two Austra-

lians and four Britons are in

close contention for the

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Zealand championships after

the second of the three days

yesterday (Our Rifle Shooting

Andrew Tucker, the double

Bisley Queen's prize winner.

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Antony Ringer are level on

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Moon, of Australia, who is a

point behind his compatriot.

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Correspondent writes).

Men's doubles

RIFLE SHOOTING

Four Britons in close

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Women's singles

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By Sydney Friskin

OXFORD University overran

the London defence at the

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biggest win so far in the Pizza

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Merle finds form in time

Hinterstoder, Austria: Carole Merle, of France, served notice of her Olympic gold medal aspirations next month with a convincing women's World Cup giant-slalom victory yesterday.

Merle, the winner of three giant slaloms in past seasons. was more than two seconds faster than the Italian rising star. Deborah Compagnoni, who finished second in the two previous giant slaloms

this season. Vreni Schneider, of Switzerland, winner of these two earlier races, was third after surviving a near-fall on the lower half of the course. Merie has won 13 World Cup races in her career but

never an Olympic medal. She is one of the hottest favourites for both giant-slalom and Olympics next month.

super-G gold medals at the Schneider's third place moved her back into the overall lead in the World Cup standings with 520 points, ahead of the defending champion, Petra Kronberger, of Austria, who came eleventh yesterday and now has 505 points.

Merle believed her Olympic chances were getting better. "It was very important for me because I knew I was strong in the super-G but I wanted confirmation I could also win the giant statom." she said. Her first run was timed at 1min 16.15sec, the second at 1:17:85 for a total of 2:34.00.

Compagnoni, who finished second twice behind Schneider this year, said she considered it an honour to beat the two-time Olympic champion, the most dominant technical skier on the women's circuit.

Schneider has had three poor races in succession, having dropped out of the slalom

in Schruns, Austria, on Sun-

day before losing to the New Zealander. Coberger, on Tuesday, but she was philosophical. "With the near-fall I had in the second leg, I'm pleased to have won a place on the podium." she said.

Diann Roffe, of the United States, whose last World Cup win dates back to a giantslalom victory in Lake Placid in 1985, came fourth in a combined 2:37.64. (Reuter) Combined 2:37.64. (Reuter)
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MOTOR RALLYING

Auriol registers unique double

Paris: Hubert Auriol, of France, secured victory in the inaugural Paris-Cape Town rally after what proved to be the last stage, the 612km from Keetmanshop to Springbok. South Africa. vesterday.

timed section to Cape Town was cancelled by organisers under pressure from environmental movements. So Auriol became the first man to achieve a double rallying success with both car and motorcycle. He won the Paris-Dakar rally, riding a BMW. in 1981 and 1983.

Today's scheduled 11-km

Driving a Mitsubishi, he was seventh in yesterday's stage, won by Ari Vatanen, of Finland, in a Citroen. The Frenchman retained his overall lead of nearly five minutes over his German team-mate. Erwin Weber.

Kenjiro Shinozuka, of Japan. completed a Mitsubishi sweep with third place overall. Citroen had to be content with a seventh stage victory for the four-time Paris-Dakar winner. Vatanen. Stephane Peterhansel, the

French Yamaha rider, won the motorcycle section.

RESULTS: 1. A Vatanen (Fin). Citrotin, 12mn 47sec in penalties, 2. 8 Walterpard (Swe). Citrotin, at 1:37: 3. E. Weber (Ger). Mitsubish, 2:10, 4. J. lakr (Beh). Carolin, 2:31, 5. P. Latfigue (Fr). Citrotin, 2:44, 6. K. Shnozuke (Japan). Mitsubish, 3:12, 7. H. Aunol (Fr). Misubish, 3:36; 8. S. Servis (Sp). Lata, 5:04: 9. A Anthrosono (Fr). Citrotin, 6:14, 10, J. Torra (Fr). Nasan, 7:34, Overalt, 1. Aunol 20th 42min, 30ec, 2. Weber, at 4:50, 3. Shrozuka, 18:52, 4. Weber, at 4:50, 3. Shrozuka, 18:52, 4. Weber, at 4:50, 3. Shrozuka, 18:52, 6. Weber, at 4:50, 3. Shrozuka, 18:52, 6. Weber, at 4:50, 4. Shrozuka, 18:52, 6. J. Marchan, 18:52, 7. J. Weber, at 4:50, 4. Shrozuka, 18:52, 7. J. Servis, 5:12:54, 9. Ambrosno, 5:37:97; 10, P. Wambergue (Fr). Toyota, 7:34:38. Motorcycles: 1. M. Morales (Fr). Cagwa, at 4:50, 2. J. Arcarons (Sp). Cagwa, at 4:50, 2. J. Arcarons (Sp). Cagwa, at 4:50, 2. J. Arcarons (Fr). Suzuki, 1:32, 4. Charbonnel (Fr). Suzuki, 1:33, 5. C. Sotelo (R). Glaca, 2:37, 8. G. Picard (Fr). Yamaha, 3:19, 8. T. Churbonner (Fr). Suzuki, 3:19, 0. D. Troli (R). Cagwa, 4:40, 0. O. Troli (R). Cagwa, 4:40, 0. O. Troli (R). Cagwa, 4:40, 0. O. Troli (R). Cagwa, 4:42, 0. O. Troli (R). Cagwa, 4

ATHLETICS

Organisers look to South Africa

By David Powell, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT THE ADT London Mara-

thon, which announced yesterday that it had been unharmed by the recession in its charity work, is changing its strategy to see its way through a recession that has hit the marathon worldwide. The money is there, but where are the elite athletes to provide value for it? .

At the close of business in 1991, confidence had been lost in the luminaries of world marathon running. The four top names, Douglas Wakiihuri, Gelindo Bordin, Steve Moneghetti and Rosa Mota, all lost their aura of brilliance, and Liz McColgan is leaving the event alone until the end of the year.

London is hoping to bolster the market. No doubt prickled by the waste of money on its most expensive buys in the last two Londons, wise investment is now called for. Belayneh Densimo, the fastest marathon runner in histo-



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ry, failed to finish in 1990. and Bordin, the Olympic champion, dropped out last

year. Total cost: more than £100,000. On this year's race, Peter Nichols, who assembles the international field and will announce his first names next week, said: "I did not want to spend a fortune on three players and, because it is Olympic year and the form of the top athletes is not that great, there has been a slight change of approach. You have got to make sure your field is hungry. The last thing we want is

runners coming here to get a payday before the Olympics and not working hard. While the price of the top names in the market is still high, I do not think you should spend all your money on them. There is a watershed now and you have got to look to the future_"

Some of the £900,000 budget, almost half of the London Marathon's total expenditure, could go on South Africans. Provided the republic is readmitted to international competition in time, as seems likely, the strength of South African athletics, its road runners, could be trekking from Greenwich to Westminster on April 12. If the marathon has gone weak at the knees. the South Africans might

come along with the crutches.
"I would be very disappointed if they were not the most exciting thing we have seen for a long time," Nichols

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ALTHOUGH the new Commonwealth of "all Russias". and what formerly was Yugoslavia, have been accepted by Fifa and Ucfa for inclu-Sion in tomorrow's draw here for the European football championship finals, this does not guarantee that erther team from these now non-existent nations will eventually take part. Italy and Denmark remain on call as respective substitutes.

The joint statement last week by Fifa and Uefa was intended to permit those players who qualified for a place in the finals to take

part. In the mobile, continually fluctuating political scene, this may not prove possible. Much will depend. particularly on events after the February 2 deadline, by when all former Soviet structures must be liquidated.

Some Italians, needless to say, are busy trying-to talk their team back into the field. The loyalty of João Havelange and Lennart Johansson, the respective presidents of the two football bodies, is for the moment to the players rather than the politicians; but there may

political situation becomes too complicated and insuperable. What, for instance, if the three or four Ukraine players from the qualified former Soviet team were to refuse to play for the Commonwealth?

"Our joint statement was based on the present situa-tion," Gerhard Aigner, the general secretary of Uefa, said yesterday. "but we are totally aware the situation may change, and when necessary we might have to take other decisions. Our priority is that those who qualified can play if conditions allow. "Something you have

come a point at which the achieved in sport should be eration replacing the former respected, the best competitors should be at the best events. But we shall have to see if this position is still an finals? possible. Our problem is our For the regulations do not cover the existing dilemma, for in-

> the United Nations." The fact that the Russian republic at present has two federations, old and new, is the responsibility of Fifa. Aigner points out, and Fifa regards this as an internal problem for the Commonwealth with which Fifa is not concerned, while there is officially a Commonwealth fed-

stance, that Ukraine has

applied for recognition by

Soviet federation. Will the Commonwealth federation survive as far as the Europe-

Viacheslav Koloskov, the former chairman of the former federation of the former Soviet Union, is the figure officially recognised by Fifa and is chairman of the new Commonwealth federation. ostensibly the legal successor since the beginning of December. Yet the figurehead allegedly backed by Boris Yeltsin is Anzor Khavasashvili, and if he were to take charge after February 2 and Koloskov, a member of

the Fifa executive, was to have no longer a seat within Fifa, the situation would collapse. "Koloskov is still the offi-

cial mouthpiece, and what-

ever he is saying is the most

relevant source we have," Aigner says. So far, seven of the 15 republics - the three Baltic states, Georgia, Mol-davia, Armenia and Ukraine - have applied for individual Fifa membership, plus one of the Russian federations, so the Commonwealth federation, and Koloskov. would seem ultimately doomed. An experienced Italian colleague who has just returned from Kiev and Moscow, capitals of Ukraine and Russia, suspects that former Red Army officials, who dominated former Sovier football, may stage some kind of football coup.

The history of the past 30 years of sport is one of nationalistic exploitation of public exposure of sport through television. It therefore seems to me unlikely that whichever officials dominate former Soviet football between February and June will not wish to forfeit the opportunity for an all-Soviet Union presence on a billion television screens in some form or other; whatever may happen subsequently.

CRICKET

Latest failure puts Ramprakash's Test place at risk

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN NELSON

shown by Mark Ramprakash last summer suddenly counts for little. Another failure here yesterday left England's youngest player distraught and tomorrow he will expect. to hear he has lost his Test place, probably to Dermot

In sport, the face frequently tells the story more graphically than the figures. Ramprakash's face was worth a Wisden almanack after he had opened England's second innings here and made nought. In the instant that he dragged a ball from Roger Ford into his stumps, he must have sensed that his chance had probably gone. For an hour afterwards, his expression told as much.

He marched off for an extra session in the nets, on the way dealing abruptly with tactless autograph hunters who failed to spot the set of his face. There is a history of temper in the Ramprakash story, a temper which has recently been controlled to the benefit of his game and personality but the coming weeks will be another severe test. joins the list of touring bats-

up the ground lost early on. Having lost both openers in single figures for the second

time in the match, the touring team's achievement in making 315 to beat a New Zealand XI was quite something. Hick Gooch and Lamb each scored upwards of 60 and victory was completed with eight minutes to spare. For Ramprakash though, the result was no passport to peace of mind.

This can be a cruel game.
In the course of a character building first series, Ramprakash defied the West Indies attack for 17 hours. Rich pickings seemed to await him on his first four but they are not coming his way.

Four innings have produced 28 runs and his promotion yesterday bore the look of a last opportunity. It, seemed harsh to ask him to go in first but the team manager. Micky Stewart, said: "He was keen to open. Getting out in the way he that was just one of those things that is typical of the game.

Stewart, however, may already be preparing the

ground for his omission by saying that the balance of the Unbeaten Miandad

Hyderahad, Pakistan: Javed Miandad yesterday scored an unbeaten 115 off 103 balls to spur Pakistan to an unbeatable 3-0 lead in their one-day series against Sri Lanka.

Miandad's century, in the third of five internationals, lifted Pakistan to 241 for three from their 40 overs and they secured victory by 59 runs after restricting the tour-ing team to 182 for nine

Shrugging aside a recurring back injury and a sequence of wretched form, Miandad struck 12 fours and two sixes to go within one run of 6,000 runs in 183 one-day

internationals. Miandad, who totalled only 37 runs in four innings in the recent three-Test series against Sri Lanka, was named man of the match.

returns to his best in Multan, on Friday, and the last in Rawalpindi on

Sunday. (Reuter) PANGSTAN
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M S Atapathu not out ... 18
H C P Remanayake b Wasim Akram ... 1
K I G Wilegounewsrolena c Intran b Acib o ... 1
M A W R Machurasingha not out ... 3
Extras (b 14, w 8, nb 6) ... 28
Total 19 wits. 40 overs) ... 182

Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) 182
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-72, 3-80, 4-80.
5-119, 8-127, 7:187, 8-174, 8-177. BOWLING: Weslm 8-0-34-2; Younis 8-0-42-0; Agib 8-0-30-3; tream 8-3-15-3; Mushteq 8-0-47-1. The fourth and fifth match venues have been swapped. Umpires: Taufic Khan and Shakii Khan. The next match will be played

men who could never make side will decide the issue. The runs Reeve made yesterday, 42 of a stand with Graham Gooch worth 103, were both timely and in ideal company. Reeve was the only regular bowler to turn his arm during a brief phase at the start of play in which Gooch ran through his 1970s impressions, Jack Russell bowled an over in pads and sunhat and, almost unnoticed, Blair Pocock completed a century.

Mark Greatbatch's target seemed an unlikely aim with Ramprakash playing on for the second innings in succes-sion and Alec Stewart leg-

before to an inswinger from Murphy Su'a. The first of three parmerships which decided the game came from Hick and Smith -98 in only 65 minutes, inchiding some extravagant blows against the spin bowlers who ultimately dis-

missed them both Gooch-seemed to be settling the match with Reeve but when three wickets fell for six runs, leaving 94 still needed, an unwanted defeat loomed. Vaughan then had Lewis dropped at slip, first ball, and if ever a missed catch turned a game, this was it. Lewis and Lamb added 70 in ten cavalier overs and the formalities were completed by Lamb. He will enjoy a day off today while Ramprakash

Extres (0 5, 10 1, w1) Total (2 wids dec) ______266
"M J Greatbatch, J T C Vaughan, M Hart, †T E Bielo, M L Su'a, G Steet and R Ford did not bet.

did not bet. BOMLING: Lewis 8-3-12-0; Pringle 7-2-20-1; Hack 11-3-53-0; DeFreites 6-1-15-0; Rampostash 8-1-29-1; Resue 7-0-20-0; Smith 7-2-27-0; Gooch 8-2-8-40; Stewarl 2-0-9-0; Lamb 1-0-8-0; Russell 1-0-5-0. ENGLAND XI; First Innings 159 for 3 dec (A J Lamb 76 not out, A J Stewart 71 not out)

G A Gooch c Blan b Vaughan 51
A J Lamb not cut 51
R C Russel libe b Vaughan 50
C C Lewis c sub b Su's 36
D R Pringle not out 1
Extras (b 3, nb 1) 4
316



Home sweet home: Stephens ponders his future with Wales on the terraces at Llanelli yesterday

Stephens possesses all the right infredients

By PETER BILLS

SEVEN winters ago, the Welsh international rugby team had problems. An opening victory in the five nations' championship in Scotland had been followed by a heavy home defeat by Ireland and a loss to the French in Paris.

of Cardiff Arms Park and the selectors, having seen their stand-off half, Gareth Davies, decline in form and interest. chose in desperation an unfamiliar team that included a new cap at outside half. Jonathan Davies.

Wales won that match and unearthed a gem. Are circumstances now so dissimilar in 1992 and might Colin Stephens, like Davies, a West Walian, develop into an out-

standing talent? As Wales go to Dublin for their opening match in this season's championship on Saturday, Stephens is inevitably the focal point of attrac-tion. New Welsh outside halves are always a special currency, their worth automatically enhanced by the quality of their predecessors. Men like Morgan, Watkins, John and Bennett estab-

Davies was a worthy emulator of the artists. What of Stephens, the 22year-old Lianelli player of whom so much, so unfairly,

lished the pedigree. Jonathan

will be expected this He is, says Davies bluntly. the only outside half in Wales

apart from maybe Aled Wil-

liams, who possesses a little spark, who can turn on some individuality. On that basis

alone, argues the Widnes rugby league professional, Ste-phens deserves his chance. Davies's departure from the amateur code brought Stephens into the Llanelli team. "The first two years

were the easiest for no one

knew me," he said. Alas, near the end of the second season, someone unfortunately knighted him Almost immediately, he stumbled and stuttered like a marathon runner who has miscalculated the remaining mileage and finds himself far

from home. Davies and Stephens's club coach. Gareth Jenkins, agree that the youngster has now adjusted. But Davies says. somewhat worryingly: "Colin is a confidence player, a bit different from me. If something goes wrong, it can put him off his game. "Yet Robert Jones and Col-

in should complement each other. Colin likes half a gap to go for and Robert can provide him with the space in which to operate."

But is the stightly built Stephens tough enough, mentally and physically, for international rugby? "That is the question mark over him," Davies said. "It is up to him to answer it. He must stamp his authority on the game and not let the Irish back row intimidate him. He has all

the skill and should not let any opponent dictate.

"It is good for a fly half to taunt the opposing back row. I don't mean abuse, just taunt them in a comical way. A good fly half does that and is tough enough to take it if they get hold of you. That is part of the fun of being an outside

Stephens admits the confidence factor is vital. "I probably did lack a bit of confidence but Gareth Jenkins has helped me enormously in this as well as adding variation to my game. am thrilled to have this chance and feel I'm ready.

"We have a big task in front of us and we're not looking for miracles. We just want to play our best and try hard. The performance may be as important as the result."

Jenkins calls the outside half the key player in the side. the one with the catalytic role. Stephens, he claims, has shown huge maturity and positive development this

"This is very much the first step for him. He once felt that all he had to do was put on his togs and things would work out for him. But he has learnt from that. He is already an outstanding attacking outside half but now needs to apply a tactical approach to

The new Jonathan Davies? "Who knows how good he will be? But he does have all the ingredients."

YACHTING

Russia's cup hopes fade

FROM KEITH WHEATLEY IN SAN DIEGO

PROSPECTS of Russia competing for the first time in the America's Cup appear bleak. Yesterday was the deadline for challengers to have yachts in San Diego for final measurement

Red Star '92 failed to arrive here. Air traffic control officials said that no slot for an Antonov 124 freighter has been booked for the next 48 hours. Moscow sources claim that the finished yacht is stranded in Tartu, Estonia, waiting for its transport bills

to be paid. Meanwhile, competitor opinion appears to be hard-ening against the conferring of full challenger status to the rival Age of Russia syndicate. This group has a completed boat in San Diego but no locus standi within the regatta. Informal soundings suggest that cup favourites such as Italy and New Zealand want to enforce the rules strictly and exclude the Moscow sailors. Such a move would give eight challengers, not nine.

It would keep the early rounds tidier and neither Kiwis nor Italians want to sail pointless races against outclassed opponents.

Only underdogs such as Spain appear to want the Russians in - for publicity purposes. Navel-gazing was the order

of the day in the Stars & Stripes camp following the 1min 34sec defeat by Defiant, flagship of the America3 syndicate. Dennis Conner, the skipper, refused to meet

However, his tactician and long-time lieutenant. Tom Whidden, was available. "We're a little rusty. We could have made some better decisions," Whidden said. "They did a better job getting to and protecting the favoured left side of the course. There was no opportunity to break through."

Credit for choosing the bet-ter pin-end of the start line should go Dave Dellenbaugh, the young tactician aboard Deliant. He thought the bias in the breeze worth five boatlengths up the first beat. At the weather mark he was proved exactly right with a 36sec lead over Conner.

Significantly, Conner was not driven to the less favoured right side of the course - he chose it.

Ryder Cup fiasco is a costly item for PGA

BY MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

utive director of the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA), yesterday revealed that the Keith Prowse fiasco over the Ryder Cup cost them more than £300,000. The PGA, having finally

shaken hands on a deal to run the Ryder Cup jointly with the PGA European Tour, following three years of controversy. was immersed in another controversy when a division of Keith Prowse, which had been awarded exclusive ticket rights for the match at Kiawah Island last September, went into receivership.

William Done, head of finance and administration for the PGA, said: "We set up a trust fund to which Johnnie

SANDY Jones, the new exec- Walker and Wembiey plc contributed £80,000, which helped defray the costs for supporters who lost on travel and accommodation arrangements. On top of that, Concorde cost us another £200.000. "The final sum, taking

everything into account, will be in the region of £300,000 and that comes out of the Ryder Cup fund." But Jones is convinced the

future is bright for the PGA. "If I wanted to be starting the PGA, I wouldn't want to be starting from where I am now." he said. "The target for this year is to gain people's respect again. I would like to think of this being a new dawning for the PGA.

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Ice hockey man dies

An Italian ice hockey player, Miran Schrott, died in hospital after an opponent hit him just above the heart with his stick during a game between his club, Gardena, and Courmayeur on Tuesday night at Courmayeur

Schrott was 19. He was named as the best defenseman at the recent world under-21 championships.

Two-week ban

Rugby union: Huw Williams-Jones, a Welsh international prop forward, has been banned for two weeks after his sending-off while playing for South Wales Police against Aberavon II days ago. Mark Smith, Aberavon prop, also sent off, received an eight-week sentence.

Tokyo bronze

Jude: A young British team managed a creditable bronze medal at the Shoriki Cup in Tokyo yesterday, with Ryan Birch, aged 22, a light-midcleweight, from Hull,

Trials blow

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Equestrianism: Crookham Horse Trials in Hampshire, one of the oldest events in the calender, have been cancelled for 1992 because of lack of SDONSOIS.

Second chance

Gotf: Four survivors of the beaten 1990 side, Elaine Farquharson, Catriona Lambert, Julie Hall and Vicki Thomas, are in the Curtis Cup squad from which the eight to take on America at Hoylake in June will be

SQUAD: N Buddon (Woodsome Hail), F Edmond (Frinten-on-Sea), E Farquisarson (Desside), J Fosser (Pontardaws), C Hall (Faton), J Hail (Faton) C Housthame (Woodbrook), C Lambert (Suring Univ.), E R McDaid (Skibbareen), J Moodle (Windyhal), J Morley (Sala), V Thomas (Pannaro)

Jaguars saved

The state of the s

Motor racing: The British racing team owner, Alan Randall, yesterday completed a £2.5 million deal for eight Jaguar sportscars from Tom Walkinshaw Racing. Three will be for the world championship, three for Le Mans and two for the FIA Cup and American IMSA series.

FOOTBALL NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Swindon 2 Fullum 1 AFRICAN NATIONS CUP (in Senegal): Group C (Zigunchor): Nory Cossi 0. Congo 0

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fabandoned after Timin); Toftenham
Hotspur 0, Aston Vila 1; West Ham 1,
Famborough Town 0, Wimbledon 0 Bristol
City 1,
AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Northern secJohn Wanderers 0, Huddensfield Town 1, Blackpool 0 (abandoned at
had-bree): Preston 2, Hud City 3 (ast; 2-2
after 90min), Rotherham United 2, Chester City 0 (abandoned after 66min)
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Monafield Town 2, Peterborough United 1
jabandoned after 68min) First round:



Troke: into third round of Tokyo badminton

Barnet 3, Northampton Town 2, Fulham 2, Gillingham 0: Stoke Chy 3, Cardilf Chy 5 Wast Bromwich Albion 0, Exster Chy 5 GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Post-Wasi Bromwich Albidon D. Evater City 1 GM YAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Postported: Kettering v Yaovil TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Second round: Cydde 2, Arbroath 0, Second round: Cydde 2, Arbroath 0, Second round replay: East Frie 3, Brechan City 1 B AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premise division: Morton 5, Cydebank, 0 Second division: Dumberton 1, String Albon 1 VAUXHALL FA TROPHY: First round: Northwach 1, Hyde 0 First round: replays: Brymsgrove 0, Redbindge Forest 1, Dantlord 1, Meriting Tydil 2, Galtscheed 3, Blyth Spartans 0 (at Bhyth, act), Greina 1, Bangor City 2, Kingstohan 2, Colchester 3; Nortcambe 1, Fleetwood 0, Runcom 3, Leek Town 1 Postported: Northallerion v Frickley BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: RC Warwick 3, Reddich 2, Southetin division: Margale 0, Salisbury 2, Postported: Bromsgrove v Hedraestord Town PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bradiord 1, Shefield United 1 sebenticoet half-lime) Second division:

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PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First
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RUGBY LEAGUE SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Preliminary round: Postponed: Bramley v Leeds

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 93 Milwaukee Bucks 88:
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v Scotland (Liverpool)

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DELHI; Indira Gandhi Gold Cup man's tournament: Indira 4, Kenya D, New Zeatand 2, South Korea 1, Japan 3, Poland 2.

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BADMINTON TOKYO: Japan open: Women's singles: First round: F Mer-ying (Tawan) bi J Bradbury (GB), 7-11, 71-5, 17-7, H Troke (GB) bi M F-ilaura (Jap), 11-9, 11-5, E Rytekne (CS) bi J Muggende (GB), 0-11, 11-3, 11-4 Second round Troke bi N kanova (CIS), 11-8, 11-4

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League's presidential race ends in no-contest

McKeag earns massive vote of confidence

GORDON McKeag, of Newcastle United, is the new president of the Football League. McKeag was elected unopposed yesterday, filling the vacancy created by the death of Bill Fox, when Doug Ellis, of Aston Villa, withdrew his nomination.

The result became virtually a formality once the first division clubs, who will break away to form the Premier League in the summer, decided that they should not contest the position.

McKeag, aged 64, a Newcastle solicitor, will now chair both the old and new Football League boards. He is already chairman of the shadow board elected last year to prepare the League for when it reduces to 72 clubs at the end of this season.

The present management committee will continue to administer the League until the end of the season and McKeag's presence on both should make for a smooth

He will also take up a position on the Football Associ-

role with considerable negotiations between the two bodies still to be completed. He is already chairman of the FA Challenge Cup sub-comm-

McKeag said yesterday: "Cynics might say it is a little like being appointed captain of the Titanic just before the crash, but there is a lot of steaming left in the Football League yet If the Premier League clubs do go, my job will be to try to ensure that the parting is as amicable and dignified as possible."

A member of the management committee since 1988. McKeag stood for the presidency in 1989, when the conflict between the first division and the rest were becoming

acute, yet lost to Fox. He has inherited the job too late for his diplomacy to heal the breach but he will undoubtedly be a popular choice to preside over the changes.

A former county rugby player, and the Norwegian consul in Newcastle, he is widely respected for his integrity in a sport not noted for it. He is more of a diplomat

there is little doubt about his courage and determination, which he demonstrated during his time as Newcastle chairman. He kept unswervingly to the path he believed was right for the club in the face of appalling personal

Leading the League will also be demanding. Although the shadow board's planning for next season will be the most important task he faces over the next few months, negotiations with the FA and Premier League still have some way to go.

Roy Dwight, the former Nottingham Forest winger, has died at his home in Kent aged 59. Dwight scored Forest's opening goal in the 1959 FA Cup Final against Luton Town before being carried off with a broken leg. As a manager, he later had spells with Erith and Belvedere, Dartford and Tooting and



Jack of all trades: Russell, the England wicketkeeper, turns his hand to some gentle bowling before a New Zealand XI declared in Nelson yesterday. The touring team won by two wickets. Report, page 31

Sillett takes strides to Forest

Atkinson steering Villa towards brighter future

WHEN Ron Atkinson moved, in his customary cloud of controversy, from Hillsborough to Villa Park last summer, few doubted that he would steer Aston Villa towards a future more befitting the famous old club.

Now, little more than six months on, Atkinson's success as a financial wheelerdealer is proving even more dramatic than his achievement as a team-builder.

As his new dub prepares to face the one he left behind, at Villa Park on Saturday, Atkinson can point to a top-six

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This, plus healthy attendances and the ever-present possibility of attracting relevision cameras and the attendant fee, not to mention sponsorship and advertising.

We can go above Sheffield Wednesday in the table if we can win by enough goals," he points out, quietly getting his priorities right while relishing the fifth place in the first

division such a result would earn. Atkinson, aged 52, is noticeably more mature now. and not only in his expanded

> There is no gleeful popping of champagne corks as he reflects on a draw at the home of the champions. Arsenal, last Saturday and victory away to the FA Cup holders, Tottenham Hotspur, in the third-round replay of the FA Cup on Tuesday. Tea and commonsense is the formula. "It's head-out-of-the-clouds time," he stresses, contem-

plating Wednesday's visit. The last three home League games, against Manchester City, West Ham United and Southampton, have been won and Tottenham held to a draw in the Cup before the

replay knockout This record, plus the hope in the hearts of Wednesday supporters that defeat by Villa on the opening day can be avenged by means of a backlash from last Sunday's 6-1 defeat by Leeds United, will attract a 30,000 gate to Villa Park on Saturday. After that comes the away tie with either Derby County or Burnley, then a live TV game at home to Everton on Sunday February 2. More income, perhaps more progress. Certainly. with Atkinson at the helm it

JOHN Sillett knows all about FA Cup glory. A winner in 1987 when manager of Coventry City, he is part of this season's fourth round as manager of Hereford United.

He can look forward to a tie at Nottingham Forest thanks to Tuesday night's 2-1 win after extra-time - against Woking at Edgar Street. However, rarely was a third round exit so ill-deserved. If Brian Clough had been

watching Forest's next FA Cup opponents, he could have been forgiven for confus-

with the side from the Diadora League, whose manager, Geoff Chapple, described Sillett as "the most relieved man in the ground".

Sillett said: "Woking are a credit to their league. Some of their players would walk into many third and fourth division sides. I put our win down to my decision to wear the same tie and trousers that I wore at Wembley in 1987. They obviously did the trick, although the trousers are a bit tight these days."

Sillett's old club went out, not for the first time against inferior opposition, at the AbUnited secured a fourth round home tie against Swindon after Dublin had missed a ninetieth-minute penalty. The rebound was deflected into the net by Hurst, of to hold their hands up." John Beck, the Cambridge manager said. "We looked like the first division side out there."

Second division also defeated first at Selhurst Park. The FA Cup winners in 1988, Winbledon have won only one game in the 16-match managerial reign of Peter Withe, and they failed to im-

Withe remains defiant. "I have never walked away from a battle in my life and I will not walk away from this one," he said after listening to persistent cries of "Withe out"

tour for

cho, the board's secretary, are here for ten days of talks. They will also study the development programme for underprivileged players. India will play four Test matches and nine one-day internationals when they tour South Africa this year, according to a provisional itinerary. (AFP)

By a Correspondent

SCARBOROUGH Football Club hopes to save £30,000 a year by training its own stewards to take over the policing of matches at the McCain

if the plan goes ahead, and early indications are that it will, it will be the first in the Football League.
Geoffrey Richmond, the chairman of Scarborough,

said yesterday that after a series of meetings, the Scar-borough police had accepted

approval of North Yorkshire county council's safety committee, that a minimum of 36 stewards trained by the police, fire, and St John's Ambulance services, would be responsible for crowd control next season.

Richmond admitted that the police might still be required for "high risk matches" or cup ties, but said the club would take responsibility for the majority of home

games.
"The local police have posi-

tively welcomed my initia-tive," he said yesterday. "I think they accept my view that hooliganism is no longer fashionable and has dramatically declined in Scarbor-ough, and that this will release resources for other law and order duties.

"All we need now is for the county council's safety committee to give us the go-ahead. If they do, we'll begin training our stewards up to the required accreditation. We hope to have a trial run under the new arrangements

Chief Inspector Hammond, of Scarborough police said the force was prepared to pull out but added: "We'll have to wait to see what the county

council says."

A League spokesman confirmed that Scarborough, who have debts of £500,000 and an average attendance of only 1,866, would be the first club in the English Football League to police its own games if North Yorkshire county council sanctioned the

priority for Irish wing BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT SIMON Geoghegan, who came to the fore during last

Family

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year's five nations' rugby union championship, with-drew yesterday from the Irish team to play Wales in Dublin on Saurday The London Irish wing,

aged 23, did so because his mother is seriously ill; in the circumstances, it has been difficult for Geoghegan_to concentrate on his rugby. The Irish selectors were willing to leave the decision until 24 hours before the match, but the player felt it appropriate to pull out of what would have been his ninth international before the squad trained yes-terday evening.

Geoghegan's place goes to Richard Wallace, named

originally on the left wing. The selectors had been toying with the possibility of switching their wings round anyway because Wallace plays on the right for Garryowen, his club; they are now in the happy position of being able to re-store to the side Ireland's most capped wing, Keith

Wales trained in Cardiff yesterday evening and will fly to Dublin this afternoon. England, who meet Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday, worked yesterday at the Scoop Memorial ground before this morning's main training, which will be private.

The dispute between the Rugby Football Union and Cotton Traders over England's kit will remain unresolved before Saturday's match at Murrayfield. Barrisers met in the High Court yesterday and the case was adjourned after a one-minute hearing with both sides ask-ing for more time to prepare

their cases.

A full hearing is due later this month, when Cotton Traders will pursue its action to have its new-style World Cup shirt, which incorporates blue and red stripes, worn by the England squad.

Caribbean **S** Africans

Johannesburg: Clyde Walcott, the president of the West Indies cricket board. arrived here yesterday and said that South Africa are likely to four the Caribbean after the World Cup. The visit will probably include one-day internationals in Barbados, Trinidad and Jamaica

Walcon and Steve Cama-

Golf's memorabilia goes under the hammer

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PICTURE a pleasant enough oil painting of a country scene with, perhaps, a cottage, a couple of cows, a lew sheep and a milkmaid. If carried out by a minor late Victorian painter, let us say it would be worth just a few hundred pounds - unless it contains some golf interest. Values then change dra-

matically. Remove the milkmaid — though the sheep and cows can remain — and instead have a small flag fluttering in the breeze and a couple of distant figures with canvas golf bags slung from their shoulders. Now an auction-hammer price can be reckoned in thousands.

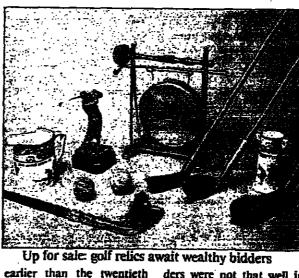
If the painter is a famous name, no limit has yet been set, because icons of golf art have yet to come on the market. A price of El million would not be out of the guestion, though the present auction record stands at only £165,000. That was for a study of an eventual finished portrait of a captain of the Royal and Ancient, John Whyte-Melville, It was painted by Sir Francis Grant, the

Royal Academy president, in 1874. I wonder for what sum the R and A has insured the finished version which hangs in the Big Room of the St Andrews clubhouse? Paintings are just one of

the fields for golf collecting.

though, because of comparative rarity, they fetch high prices. Apart from the equipment for playing the game, jewellery, metalware, ceramics, photographs, small fig-ures and even horse-shoe boots all have much enhanced values if there is a golf connection. That Royal Doulton teapot, for instance, needs a figure posed on the follow-through far more than a coach and horses . . .

At any golf sale, however, clubs predominate. But not the multi-coloured club of the modern player. Collectors, though they avidly play the game and buy the latest temptations from the manufacturers' as naively as the rest of us. disdain even the steel shaft. Coming into general use towards the end of the 1920s, it is far too modern a product. Wooden shafts are what is is wanted. and only, generally, if made



earlier than the twentieth

There can be exceptions. Not long ago, a bizarre club, made in about 1905 and described as a Brown's patent rake iron, which had long teeth, became the world's most expensive golf club when it fetched £55,000 at a Christie's auction, when the pre-sale estimate was about £200.

Rumour has it that the bid-

ders were not that well informed and believed they

were competing for a true rarity. Collectors knew that similar examples were none too hard to come by for around £600. Even so, the drama of big money has raised the general value of this particular patent club to

around £3,000 to £5,000. One will come under the hammer at the Phillips sale at Chester tomorrow. This is one of the four big sales of the golf year. The others, con-ducted by, again, Phillips, and also Christie's and Sotheby's, take place during the week of the Open Championship.

I do not expect this Jami-

ary sale to be sensational. It does, however, have a ball made by Allan Robertson on offer. Robertson, who died in 1859, a year before the Open Championship began, was the first player to be generaly accepted as the greatest of his time. A mint example of one of his feathery golf balls has fetched a record £15,000. It will be interesting to see how this one does. Made around 1850, it was presented by the Warwick-shire County Golf Club in

But featheries turn up at every sale. Gutta percha balls began to come into use from 1848, and because the rubber ball was so quickly recognised as both better and cheaper than the feathery, some took the trouble to preserve an almost instant relict of the golfing past.

Less care was devoted to carly gutties. Phillips has an

interesting example from the early years of the modern ball. Just as manufacturers used to paint steel shafts brown so that they had a rough resemblance to hickory wood, this one attempts to usher 1850s golfers into the new age by replicating the stitching which a feathery needed (a cowhide case over a centre of tight-packed feathers), similar to a modern fives ball.

The main problem with early guttas was that they were smooth and therefore failed entirely to anticipate modern thoughts on the effect of death and characters. fect of depth and shape of dimpling Quickly, however, carly makers improved the aerodynamics by hand hammering and, later, moulding.

This feathery imitation might have behaved a little better than a smooth gutta ball - if not by much. But it is an extreme rarity. Phillips gave it an estimate of £2,000 to £4,000 for the sale: it ought at least to break the records for a gutta percha

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